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Pursuit of knowledge. Junior Allen Scully carefully adjusts the flame of his Bunsen burner in Mr. Mark Fredenburg's chemistry class in order to determine melting points.

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Classic All The Way

Mustangs. What are they? Symbols of strength. Symbols of power. Small, hardy horses that run across western plains. Long-range fighter planes used in the deepest raids during World War II. Classic examples of the best there is.

We had a great year. We made some significant changes so we could be stronger and more powerful. The Student Council presented us with a new school logo which we welcomed enthusiastically. It typifies what we have traditionally stood for and valued: academics, community service and justice, drama and the arts, and athletic excellence.

We participated in numerous competitions. We claimed four National Merit Semifinalists, who were Stephene Parry, Valerie Schneider, Doug Thackrey and Stephen Worrel. The *Lasso* and *Tempo* brought home trophies. Varsity football, girls' varsity soccer and volleyball had winning seasons. These are just some examples of classic victories for Mustangs.

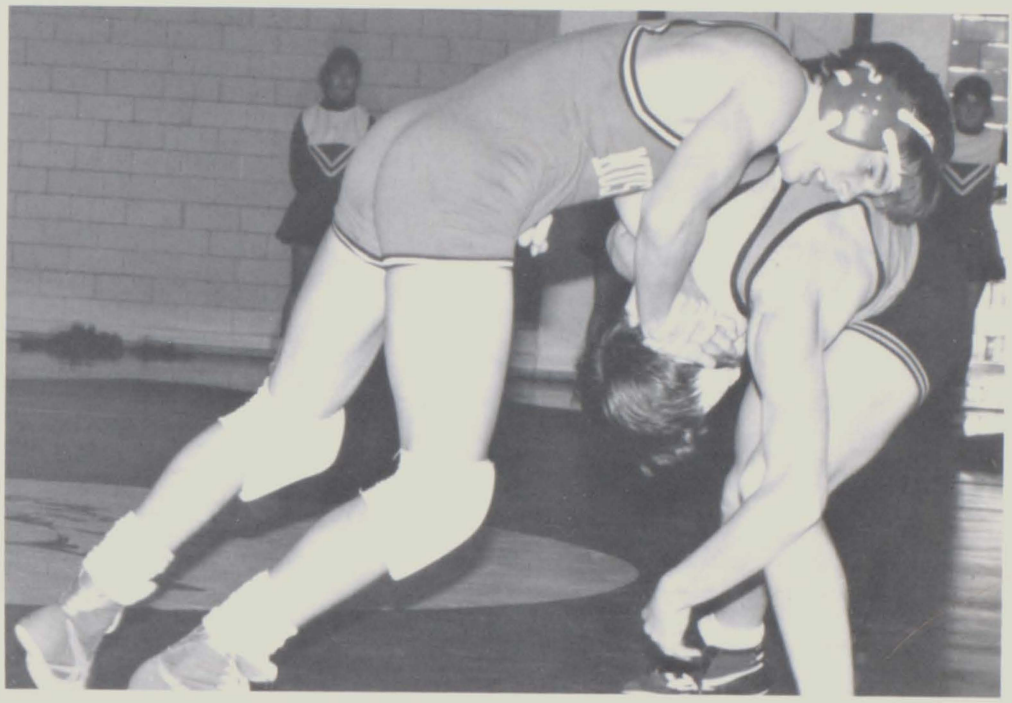
George Mason High School faces a major twelve million dollar renovation in the near future. The look will change, but everything we represent will remain solid. We are a classic example of excellence.

Serious about their music, chorus students perform at their Winter Concert under the directorship of Ms. Vanessa Kozmon.

About leadership. Senior Allison Yates addresses the audience at the National Honor Society's Inductions held on September 26.

A typical day, 3 p.m. Students gather outside to enjoy each other's company as they wait for the school bus.

A classic maneuver. Varsity wrestler Lance Guckenberger (freshman) uses a quarter nelson to defend against the takedown.



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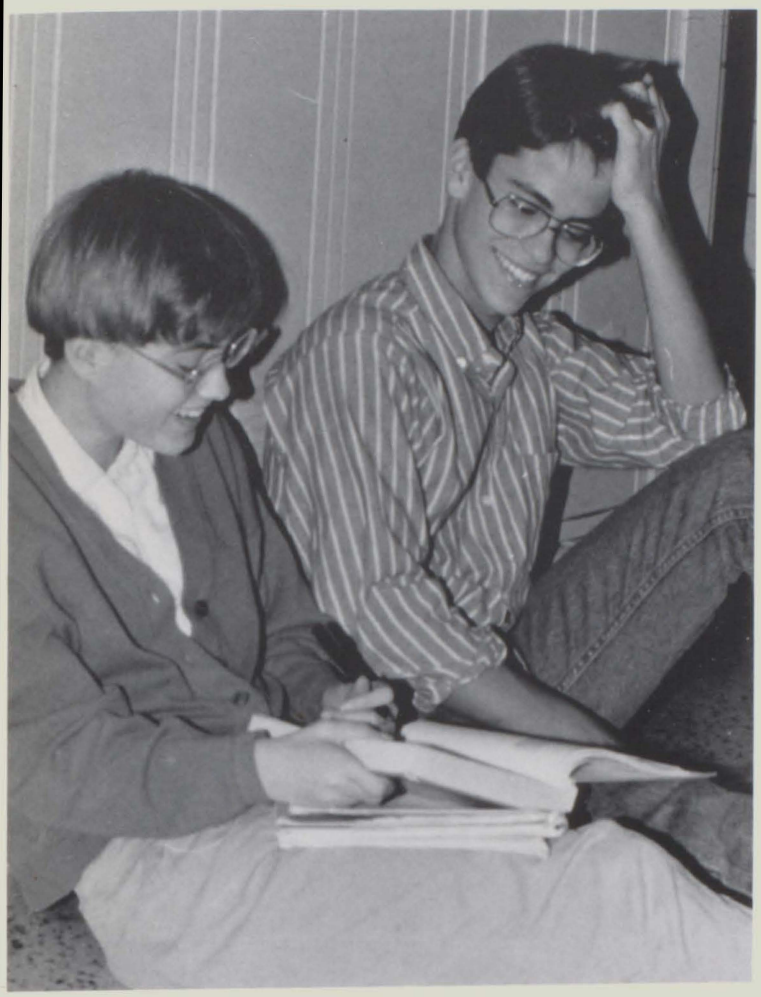
1. Typical; being the traditional form of something.
2. G.M. STUDENT LIFE.

Helping each other out, junior Hannah Burke and sophomore Jason Robertson work on a math problem.



Classic Times

Student Life meant just that - LIFE! From September through June Mustangs showed up at traditional school functions. Some events were simply fun; others were mainly educational. All G.M. happenings brought Mustangs together, however, to raise the spirit index. In September we met for class conversations to fill up the school calendar with dances, pep rallies, fund raisers and meetings. It was a challenge to be a spirited Mustang while maintaining good grades. The Student Council breathed a lot of spirit and life into the student body. We felt part of a team that just kept getting stronger. Student Life meant Mustangs spending time together in and out of classes. We met before, during and after school. We valued our friendships. Student Life also meant what we did outside George Mason's walls. Mustangs were full of life. It was a classic year.

A typical crowd scene. George Mason students and parents gather together on the bleachers at a home game.

Making history come alive. U.S. History students Christy Ploch and Ari Losman dress up for class.

"George Mason is special because it's so small, and different people come here. We have a nice mix of people. Everyone's accepting of other people's personalities."

- Hannah Burke

81 Days Of Bliss

"Awesome!" That was how most students described their summer upon return to school on Tuesday, September 5. "Too short!" was also a popular description of eighty-one days of sweet freedom to do whatever.

"It was the best," said Marcia Longo.

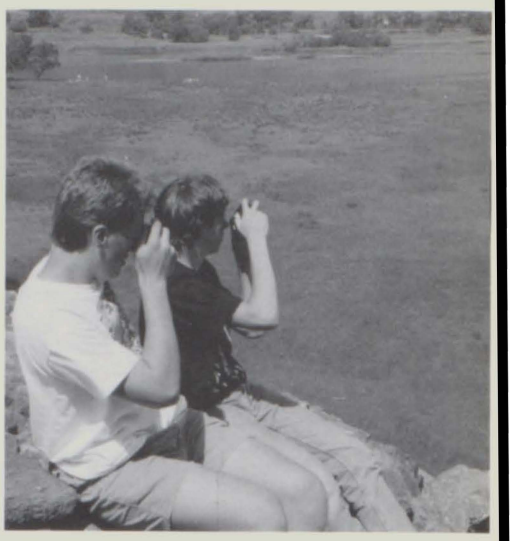
How was it spent? And where? Many students just stayed in Falls Church, hanging out with friends. But many saw summer as the opportunity to hit the beach and new territory with family and friends. "The special part about summer was my trip to Toronto and Niagara Falls," said Ruchika Singh.

George Mason students could be found at various camps or at school training for a falls sports.

A highlight for twelve juniors was their trip to England and Scotland with Mr. Charlie Harold as chaperone. They departed on June 20 for twenty-eight days of fun and freedom abroad. Besides exploring the spectacular countryside and taking a lot of pictures, they lived with families with teenagers. "Life is just very different over there. Teenagers have a lot more freedom," said Sasha Day.

There was no stopping summer's end. After hitting Tyson's I to stock up on new school clothes, students set their alarm clock on the Tuesday after Labor Day. Summer was over for sure.

Perched on a massive stone wall, Justin Black and Aaron Spevacek take pictures at Kilchurn Castle.



"Scotland was the highlight of the trip. It was so beautiful and peaceful."
-Deidre Hoetmer

Sitting and waiting. Debbie Cory and Christy Ploch relax at Gatwick Airport outside London.

"It's interesting to be in a different culture yet able to speak the language.
-Jessica Menendez

The tour group: Front Row: Deidre Hoetmer, Andy Hunt, Sasha Day, Lisa Menendez, Christy Ploch, Debbie Cory. *Back Row:* Allen Scully, Molly Henneberg, Sheryl Whitaker, Hannah Burke, Aaron Spevacek, Justin Black. *Right,* the Menendez sisters stand outside a church in Chichicostenaugo, Guatemala during a month-long visit with their father.

"The whole time was incredibly fun - the whole thing!"
-David Kelley
Vacationer

"It was fun, and I saw how a school really operates."
-Mike Lake
Guidance Aide

"It wasn't too bad. We survived because of WATER!"
-Mark Larkin
V. Football

Life's a beach. Zach Falter catches some rays at Bethany Beach in July with his friend David Kelley and brother Mitch.

In the heat of summer, Coach Tom Meier works on proper moves with the football team.

A sea of paperwork. Seniors John Karro and Mike Lake go through years of Guidance Office files while earning community service credit.

Ready, set, go! Isabel Meng prepares to give Molly Henneberg a push in the tricycle race competition at the pep rally on Friday night. Justin Reich (#45) awaits the signal to take off also.
King for a day. Mike Leland sports a crown on Senior Hat Day during Spirit Week. He and Hannah Burke spend a relaxing moment together in the Media Center during break.

"O.K., girls, listen up!" Coach Tommy Meier goes over the rules for the Jr.-Sr. Powder Puff Game, held after school on Friday. The seniors won.

Teacher abuse. Varsity soccer players Julie Patton and Aleta Hoover go to work on face-painting Coach John Kalepp at the pep rally.

A Non-Stop Week

"Are you wearing pajamas to school?"

"Are you crazy?"

"No, it's Pajama Day. The freshmen decided we should wander around in our bunny slippers all day."

This was how Spirit Week started on October 2. It was just the beginning of a heated week of competition between the classes, especially between the juniors and seniors. The juniors won the jams' contest, but the seniors won Tuesday's "Wear Stripes" competition, sponsored by the sophomores.

On Wednesday the juniors said, "Wear black," and they won their own competition. The seniors decided it was time for serious action, so they passed Burger King crowns to all seniors on Thursday for Senior Hat Day.

Several highlights of the week were at the very beginning and the end of it. On Monday after school all classes were assigned a hallway to decorate with whatever they could afford. Students stayed at school late to tape balloons and streamers to the walls and ceilings. The seniors won, again! In fact, the Class of 1990 topped the spirit meter for the week.

Christine Walsh, Freshman Class President, said, "All the classes were more involved this year than in the past." Andrew Burk said, "This was the most spirited week I've ever seen. The Student Council showed a lot of good ideas." Mike Lake said, "I loved the hallways!" And according to Sasha Day, Junior Class Vice-President, "Everyone was so psyched about everything."

Finally the end of the week came, and students spent Friday night shouting and cheering at the Pep Rally. They were "psyched" for Saturday's game!

All pepped up, Athletic Director Jack Gambill introduces Mustang Marie at the pep rally.
Feeling the energy, varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders join the football players in a final cheer as the pep rally come to a close.
Up high, Ms. Nanci Blanco, Senior Class Sponsor, and Erik Tucker, guest, join the seniors in their cheering section of the gymnasium.

"It was the best spirit week I've had in the past three years."
-Vanessa Courts

Leading the way to a homecoming victory, Kenny Salas (#11) calls the signals.
"You say red; we say white!" Varsity cheerleaders end a cheer after the Mustangs made their second touchdown.

On A Winning Streak

Question: What makes a perfect Homecoming Game?

Answer: sunshine, a cool day, a roaring crowd, a great football team and an urge to win. We had all these things on Saturday, October 7. The game started precisely at 2 p.m. The Band had warmed up already and were sounding spirited. The cheerleaders had practiced their "You say red; we say white" cheer to get the crowd going.

The Mustangs played against Brentsville (Manassas). The seniors went out for the first touchdowns. By half-time the score was 34-0.

The Homecoming Court was introduced. Chris O'Hara and Lauren Cigledy were crowned King and Queen.

The Mustangs won, 48-19. They were definitely on a winning streak. Touchdowns were made by Kenny Salas, Chris Ohr, John Pitfido, Robert Ennis, Jared Guckenberger, Travis Lincoln and Floyd Beale.

After the game the football players rang the original bell of Falls Church schools and went home to rest up for the Homecoming Dance.

The dance started at 9. The seniors hosted it and decorated the dining hall. The theme song was "In Your Eyes" by Peter Gabriel. At 11 Coach Tom Meier took the mike and announced the Homecoming Court. He also announced that it was his first anniversary, so it was a very special day for him personally.

By 1 a.m. balloons had popped and streamers were falling, but spirits were still very high. What a day!

"This year's Spirit Week was great. It got the school year moving. It also brought the new kids into the activities." -Chris Rosholt

Ready to dance, Sarah Letts, Rachel Carlson and Eric Willis wait for the music to start.

Side by side, seniors Christian O'Hara and Lauren Cigledy face the crowd after being crowned Homecoming King and Queen by Coach Tom Meier.

HOMECOMING COURT: From the top: Seniors Chris Ohr and Lauren Cigledy, Christian O'Hara and Ericka Persson, Kenny Salas and Jennifer Peacock; *Juniors* Sven Gronlie and Lisa Menendez, Zach Falter and Molly Henneberg; Lans Cameron and Jill Boozell; *Sophomores* Brian Sullivan, Stacy Russ and Pat Thomas; *Freshmen* Matt Quinn and Susanne Hill.

It takes two. Director John Ballou assists Guillaume Bernardeau with the sound system during the show.
Helping out, Director Vanessa Kozmon plays the keyboard during "Under the Boardwalk in Act II.

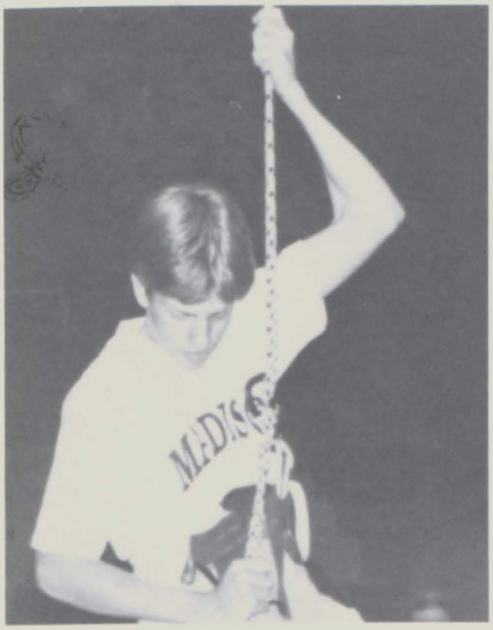
On the sax, Jay Worrall performs "Juke Box Special" during Act I.
Artist at work, Joe Gross assists in painting the backdrop.

"I loved it. Performing is wonderful. It was such a high for me, but finding time to rehearse was a problem."
-Kate Chamberlin

Back to the future. Kate Chamberlin and Lorraine Hahn sing "Leader of the Pack" in Act II.
Wearing the show's trademark (3-D's), John Karro, Adam Kallio and Reid Hecker sing "Get a Job" in Act II.

Pulling It Together

Hang in there. During a practice session, Greg Shannon climbs down the rope used in "Toccata in D Minor" by Bach, the final act in Act I.



"The last minutes were very hectic," said Meredith Lenker. "Working with my friends and getting the acts together were the best part," she added.

It took eighteen students, two faculty sponsors, and three academic classes (Print Shop and Art) to organize one of the most successful money-makers of the year, held on October 20 and 21.

"Everyone pulled together for the last two weeks. The quality depends on the commitment," said Ms. Vanessa Kozmon, Co-Director.

The Junior Varsity Show has been a traditional junior-class sponsored activity to raise funds for the junior class which pays for the prom. Depending on the sponsors in charge, it has been a dramatic, musical, or combo event. It usually is held in the spring, but this year due to scheduling conflicts, it was held in October. "It was early this year, and we had to speed up practice," said Afolabi Ojumu. Michelle Yoder said, "Ms. Kozmon and Mr. Ballou worked real hard. They deserve most of the credit, but overall it was a lot of fun because we all worked together as one big team."

Act I contained thirteen acts, consisting of music and dance numbers. Act II consisted of thirteen acts, also music and dance numbers. A senior slide show was then presented. Alyssa Van Duizend took the slide pictures and organized them. The finale was next, a favorite act of many participants and members of the audience.

Even though the rehearsals began one month before the show, students weren't really motivated until two weeks before the curtain went up. Greg Shannon whose rope act in the finale of Act I was a hit with the audience said, "Mr. Ballou built our act into the show to prove the many talents at George Mason."

Wrapping it up, John Karro, John Genovese, and Sven Gronlie participate in the finale.
With the look and sound of the 50's, Kate Chamberlin, Alyssa Van Duizend and Kathleen Brill perform "Leader of the Pack" in Act II.

"It was interesting. I felt like a real high-schooler. It was a lot more fun than the Middle School Variety Show."

-Kathleen Brill

Dancin' to the beat. The "Jula Girls From Heck," Rebecca Conable and Deidre Hoetmer, dance during "Under the Boardwalk." *On her own,* Stephanie Jones dances to Def Leppard's "Are You Excitable?"

Last but not least, Rosemary Ragusa leads the cast in "Take Me To The River" by the Talking Heads in the finale.

Enjoying the moment, Michelle Yoder sings, "What I Did For Love" by Hamlisch in Act II.

On the keyboard, Meredith Lenkers plays "Landslide" by Fleetwood Mac, in Act I.

Making The Bucks

"There was a lot of people showing what they could do," said Dione Herlinger after seeing the Junior Variety Show. The October 20 and 21 shows were both huge successes from everyone's perspective: the audience's, the participants', the directors', and Ms. Tucker's as Junior Class Sponsor. She said, "We fattened the junior class till by $1,500. A lot of pressure has been taken off the junior class to make enough money for the May prom."

Tickets cost three dollars, not much for two full hours of entertainment. Souvenir 3-D's were handed out for tickets. The stage's backdrop was an effective design of black-and-white faces with these 3-D's.

Sarah Letts, stage manager, said, "I loved working in the Variety Show because it gave me a chance to know people better and have some fun."

Students have traditionally enjoyed attending the show. Laura Bain said, "I liked seeing my friends on stage performing." Beth Falter said, "It was cool."

A number of students really liked the daring act when Andy Hunt and Greg Shannon came out on the catwalks and climbed down the ropes into the audience. Greg said, "The worst part was grabbing the rope, knowing it was holding all my weight."

Juniors were proud of their class's efforts. They made a lot of money to put toward the Junior-Senior Prom and had a great time doing it.

Steady now! Medina Small, followed by Mr. Greg Alexiou (Asst. Principal), walks across the log during Innerquest.
In a huddle Dr. George Thoms (Principal) and Mrs. Susan Yates meet with the sophomore class representatives.
Having some good old-fashioned fun, Sonia Zepeda, Janna Lukomski, Lindsay Smith and Eugenia Leachman swing in the Yates' hammock.

Call Of The Wild

Two full days of fun, food and fresh air! What more could twenty-four teenagers ask for? This year's Camp Overlook Retreat was held during the weekend of October 28. "This year's retreat was all student-planned. I think we pulled it off very well," said Chris Walsh, Sophomore Class President.

Students left on a yellow school bus at 10:15 a.m. Chaperones arrived with overnight bags, pillows and sleeping bags, and a lot of enthusiasm. They were Dr. George Thoms (Principal), Mr. Greg Alexiou (Asst. Principal), Ms. Erin Albright (Student Council Sponsor), Ms. Nanci Blanco and Ms. Gail Nolan (Twelfth Grade Sponsors), and Ms. Susan Yates (Parent).

After a scenic drive to Yates' farm called Turkey Run, a delicious lunch was served. Students felt "close to nature" as they walked around and enjoyed the beauty of autumn.

Upon arrival at Overlook, bunks were assigned and Innerquest began. Classes competed against each other. Dr. Thoms made a seven-dollar bet that Ms. Nolan would not make it over the twelve-foot wall. He lost! The Class of 1992 won the competition. Ms. Blanco said, "The Innerquest experience was very successful. It brought the classes together."

Each class was responsible for preparing and serving a meal. Ms. Albright said, "It was special the way the kids came together and realized the potential they have as a team." Small and large group meetings and games filled up the time spent at Overlook. Highlights were polar bear swimming in a freezing pond, a bonfire, and creative pumpkin carving. When Monday morning arrived, no one wanted to leave Overlook and head for Falls Church.

Just like kids. Sheryl Whitaker, Medina Small, Sasha Day and Deidre Hoetmer enjoy a Saturday afternoon stroll with their lollipops.

"It was an awesome experience getting to know other people."
-Opeyemi Adamolekun

"The seriousness of purpose coupled with fun made the weekend a very positive, memorable experience."
-Dr. George Thoms

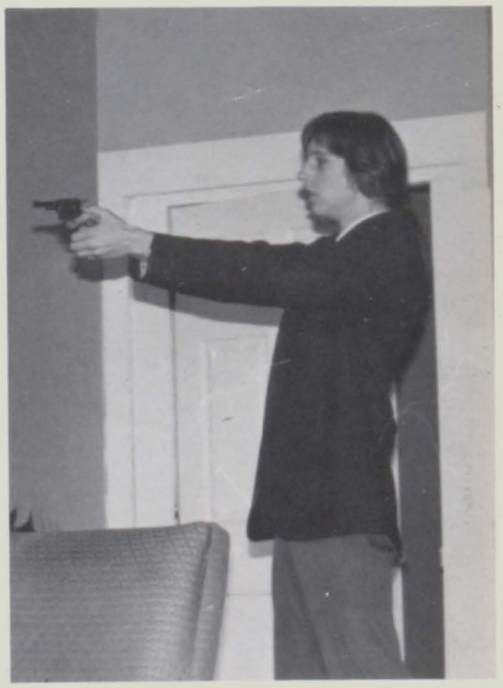
Chowtime. Seniors Alison Yates and Rebecca Conable help prepare spaghetti for Saturday night dinner.

OVERLOOK RETREAT PARTICIPANTS: Front Row: Mr. Marco Delascasas (Bus Driver), Pat Thomas, John Yates, Chris Yates, Megan Noyes, Sonya Zepeda. *Second Row:* Mr. Greg Alexiou, Reid Hecker, Christine Walsh, Debbie Hughes, Allison Yates, Charlie Hunt, Stephanie Jones, Ms. Erin Albright, Eugenia Leachman, Janna Lukomski, Libby Yates, Susan Yates, Ms. Susan Yates, Ms. Gail Nolan, Ms. Nanci Blanco. *Back Row:* Aaron Spevacek, Opeyemi Adamolekun, Rebecca Conable, Deidre Hoetmer, Aleta Hoover, Sara McClelland, Amie Noyes, Sasha Day, Sheryl Whitaker, Medina Small, Lindsay Smith.

Starting from scratch, cast and stage crew members built the set for *The Murder Room.* Lorraine Hahn (junior) paints a formal parlor room wall while seniors Jay Worrall and Jay Munsterman put together a prop.

"I think that all of the hard work was worth it in the long run."
-Michael Lake

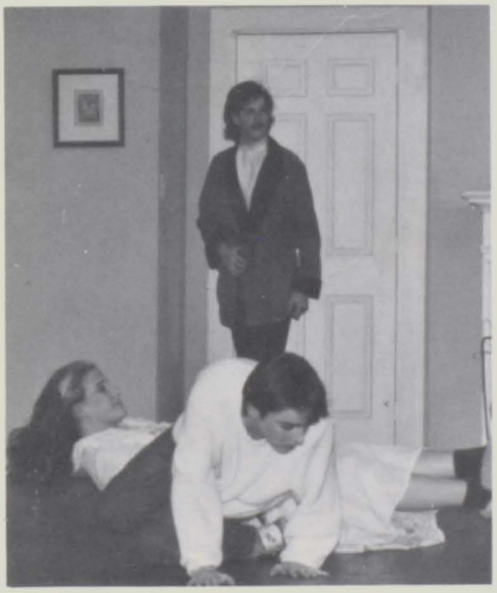
Visibly upset, Mavis Hollister (Ellen Wright) startles her friends with her gun.



With perfect aim, James Crandall (Jay Worrall) prepares to shoot.

A climactic moment. Lottie Malloy (Adriana Anderson) strangles Edgar Hollister (Michael Lake) in Act III.

Frozen stiff, the cast is held at gunpoint.



On the floor, Lottie Malloy and Barry Draper (Matt Kern) scramble for the gun.

Murderous Fun

What do you get when you take a missing target pistol, a missing man, and a missing cat? You get *The Murder Room,* a hilarious mystery-farce that left the audience wondering, "Who dunit?" This play, a spoof of English murder mysteries written by Jack Sharkey, revolved around the mysterious disappearance of a wealthy Englishman. The cast was composed of only six talented students: senior Jay Worrall; juniors Lorraine Hahn, Mike Lake and Ellen Wright; and sophomores Adriana Anderson and Matt Kern.

The performances were held on November 16, 17 and 18 at 8 p.m. Rehearsals began eight weeks earlier under the directorship of Ms. Betsy Crowll, a new sixth grade teacher. Ms. Crowll, an active member of local theatre groups, said, "The reason I love directing so much is because it's bringing the printed word to life, and that's so exciting."

The student-actors felt the small size of the cast was a benefit. Adriana Anderson said, "It was a lot of fun. I got to know everyone really well."

Their dedication paid off. Matt Kern said, "The experience was really difficult. I remember saying the same lines over and over again, but we all got through it."

Having a good time, Ms. Erin Albright (Student Council Adviser) jokes around with Jon and David Buchbach, No. Va. Goodwill Ambassadors for MDA.

Party time. MDA balloons and streamers helped create a festive Mardi Gras-in-January atmosphere.

Putting Others First

Balloons, Pizza. A live band. DJ'S. Volleyball. T-Shirts. Contests. Prizes. All these spelled "Mardi Gras in January." It was all the stuff great parties were made of, and the Student Council Association pulled it off another year. On Friday, January 26, students completed their midterm exams after three solid days of testing. They were ready to party. Last year's Super Dance was the kind of success Mustangs like to repeat, so the Student Council started advertising for their benefit dance early in January. They even decided to make it an annual event.

WHFS 99.1 Radio and the Muscular Dystophy Association invited Mustangs to participate in the Superdance Against Dystrophy. Ideally, students showed up at the door at 8 o'clock with at least twenty-five dollars in pledges from relatives and friends. Many students found it impossible to get this much pledge money, so there was a "five dollars at the door" policy. The Student Council decided that the end of the second quarter wasn't the best time for this dance because of students' stress levels being astronomically high due to midterm tests. They determined that they would vote on a better time.

MDA representative, Ms. Renee Marchese, hosted the dance. She helped greet students at the door and give out free T-Shirts to Mustangs with pledge money.

Ms. Erin Albright, Student Council sponsor, kept track of each class' contributions. Although the sophomore class was the smallest it collected the most money: $494.00. A total of $1439.66 was donated to MDA.

Class officers worked hard to plan a full evening of activities. Highlights of the dance were the tunes of ROC, a hairy legs contest, and a visit from Papa Smurf (Mr. Greg Alexiou). Mustangs left the dance at 1 a.m., tired but satisfied they helped a great cause.

"This year's Super Dance was a big success because ROC played and a lot of people enjoyed the music. Also there were students from other schools."
- Opeyemi Adamolekun

"The live band, decorations, and pizza were great. There wasn't much money raised individually, but so many people came it was a big success!"
- Reid Hecker

Junior and senior girls gather together to dance to ROC's music.

Feeling the beat, juniors Lorraine Hahn and Kate Chamberlin enjoy the dance music.

Taking charge, Justin Black, Greg Shannon (juniors), Guillaume Bernardeau and Eric Willis (seniors) work the sound system.

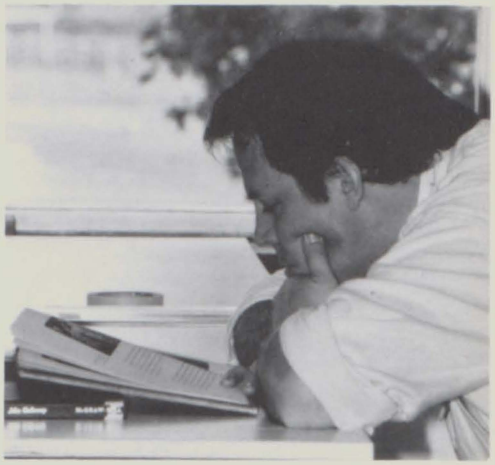
ROC live. Junior Allen Scully (far right) and O'Connell High School band members, Ed Kinsella and Pat McGee, entertain the crowd.

Arrival time. Rachel Carlson, Travis Lincoln, Ellen Carlson and Eva Stergiou pay a five-dollar admission fee at the door.

"If I have some free time, I curl up in a corner and read a book, or I play with my imagination."

-Michael Lake

Having a good laugh, sophomore Stacy Dewalt tells freshman Kristin Jackson a joke in the dining hall.



A peaceful moment. Mr. John Ballou relaxes and reads a book on art history in his classroom.

Stretching out. Seniors Alex Simopoulos and Eric Hobart hang out in the Media Center.

Day dreamer. Freshman Marcia Longo stares out the window during break.

Survival Tactics

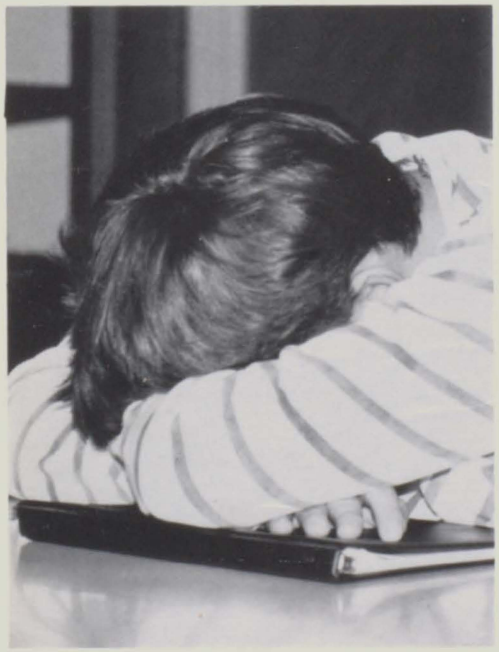
When you did have a free moment, where could you go? What could you do to forget your problems and just hang out? With security guards watching your every move (this year), it was out of the question to slip over to Roy's or Giant for a snack. Fortunately, there were a few favorite spots where you could meet your friends.

"The bench" in the main lobby was one of them. You could see three or four students stretched out on it at one time. Sean Fair said, "I go to the bench to meet the guys. We take control of the school then."

The Media Center and the dining hall during break were popular hang outs, but the favorite one was the senior lounge. It was closed to freshmen and sophomores, but juniors managed to invade it frequently. There you could hear music and, according to Sasha Day, "space out and daydream about the weekend."

The most effective way to relieve stress and get sympathy was to seek out your friends. Mario Salguero said, "I relax by talking and telling jokes with my friends."

Getting some exercise. Junior Craig Sirkin practices for the baseball season during his free time.



A haven for seniors. Denise Tasker, Kim Renfrow and Mark Larkin relax in the senior lounge during break.

Catching some Z's, senior Doug Thackrey snoozes during his open study.

At the keyboard, Tetsuro Toya, foreign exchange student from Japan, plays at the Homecoming Pep Rally on Friday night, October 6.

In period costumes, Madrigal Singers (Kate Chamberlin, junior; sophomores John Yates and Darren Lomis; and Travis Lincoln, junior) perform at the Winter Concert held on December 13 and directed by Ms. Vanessa Kozmon, Chorus teacher.

Hear That Beat

REM. U2. The Who. The Rolling Stones. Metallica. Old Skull. What were they? They were some of your favorite music groups of the '80's. You tried to hide your walkman in your bookbag or pocket. You tried to listen to your tunes during class. If you were lucky, the teacher didn't notice your earphones. Music was blasted inside the walls of the senior lounge during all eight periods. There was no escaping the world of music at George Mason.

Many of the year's activities were successful because of the music. The majority of the Junior Class Variety Show consisted of musical acts. You had the talent, and the audience appreciated it! The school calendar was filled with various dances throughout the year. Fortunately, we had talented DJ's right at our school. Eric Willis and Guillaume Bernardeau worked the sound system for several important events. Eric said, "The challenges of being a DJ are to keep everyone happy and offer a good mix of rap and everything else."

Although some Mustangs enjoyed classical music, the popular hits were favored the most. Freshman Brandon Rytting said, "I like Pink Floyd because of its relevance."

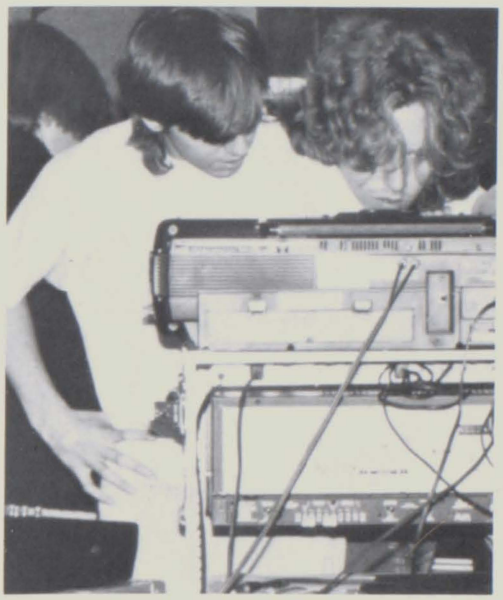
"Music is a way to express myself. It offers me a release from the monotony of classes and work."

- Allison Yates

With poise and confidence, senior Alyssa Van Duizend plays piano at the Winter Concert.

All dressed up, junior Sarah Letts and senior Darrell Herlinger join the crowd at the Homecoming Dance held in the dining hall on October 7.

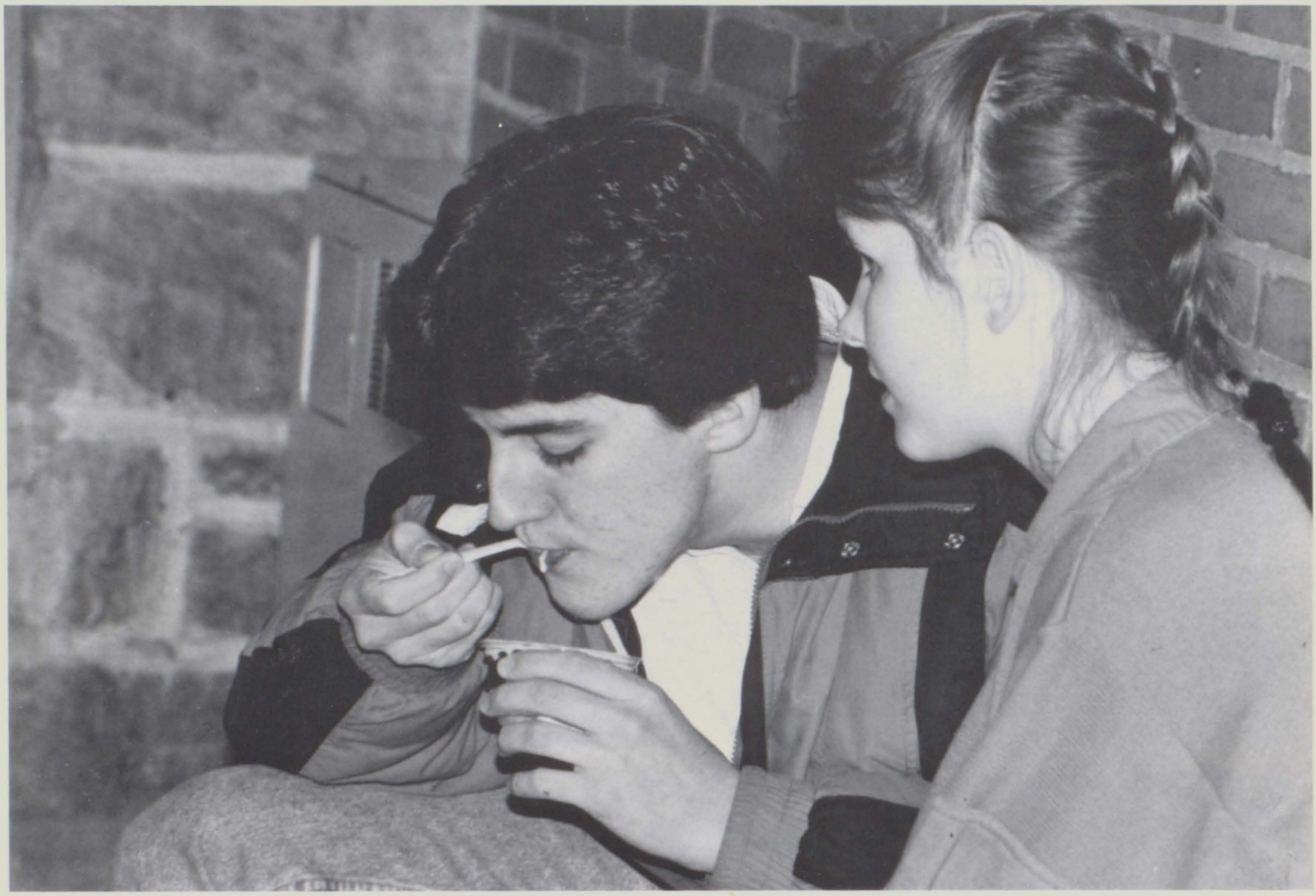
Studying the equipment, junior Eric Willis and Mike Craig (alumnus) check the sound system at the Junior Class Quake Shake on November 17.



Assuming proper postures, freshmen Lindsay Smith and Meg Bryant play their flutes at the Winter Band Concert on November 1.

A good sport. Dr. Joan Tannenbaum dons a crab hat and conducts the band during the Playathon held in the dining hall on January 19.

Baskin Robbins break. Sophomores Brian Sullivan and Stacy Russ share bench space at the Junior Class Quake Shake Dance on November 17.



Where's The Food?

Fifteen cents bought a delicious chocolate-chip cookie and twenty-five cents bought a moist brownie at a typical bake sale. In fact, if it were made of chocolate, no price was too great! If you just mentioned the word "food," there would be a crowd.

The school year went by a lot more smoothly because of numerous functions that provided or sold snacks or hot meals. A number memorized by most students and teachers was 532-3030. "This is Dominos Pizza. May I please take your order?" Small groups of friends and whole classes kept them in business over the year.

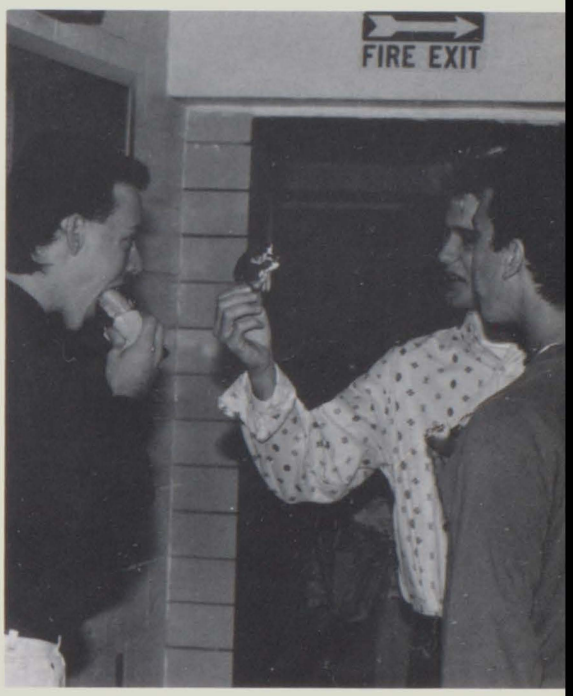
The Booster Club concession sold food at all the home games. Eating and cheering just seemed to go together. Clubs and organizations saw food as a "sure thing" for raising funds. For example, the juniors sold stocking grams in December for fifty-cents. President Mitch Falter said, "You expect to pay a lot for a few pieces of candy. That's how we make money."

And was there one student who never broke the student handbook rule about carrying food in the hallway? On Fridays you would walk by TA's who celebrated with donuts. A chocolate-frosted donut was the perfect way to face second period. The weekend was a reality after that last bite.

No girls allowed. Sophomore boys enjoy each other's company during 5C lunch. From left: Chris Madison, Mario Salguero, John Genovese, Jason Robertson, Peter Murchie and Bill Singletary.

Brownies, twenty-five cents. Joe Gross (Sophomore) buys a brownie from Deidre Hoetmer, Sasha Day and Christy Ploch at a Junior Class Bake Sale. Chocolate was the Number 1 seller.

TA Donuts. Ms. Nancy Tucker's advisees (seniors Darrell Herlinger, Matt Kingsley and Chris Fetner) devour their Friday morning donuts.



"TA is special because of the donuts. It's the only way some of us eat breakfast."
-Stephanie Jones

Pizza time. Sophomore Joe Wilson enjoys his dollar-a-slice pizza, which was served at a 5ABC Sophomore Class Conversation held in November.

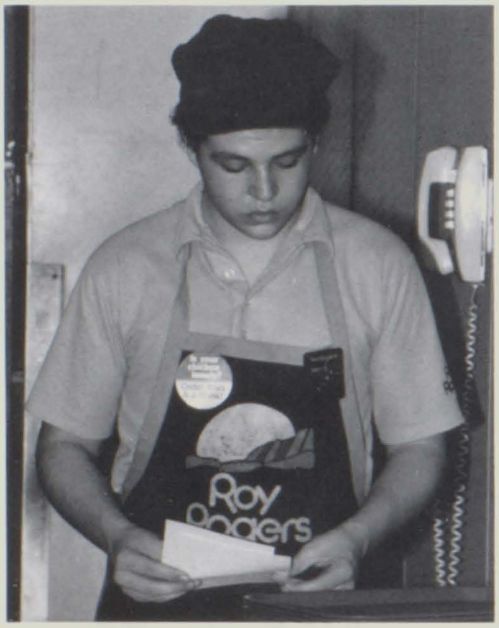
A charity fund-raiser. Chaperone Ms. Terry Brownfield sells Reid Hecker (sophomore) and David Kelley pizza at the Junior Class Quake Shake.

"I'm trained to do a little bit of everything. I'm an accountant, receptionist, and bookkeeper. It keeps me busy."
- Ashleigh Spear

"I really like my job. I answer phones and help with orders, and I plan on working there for awhile. I meet a lot of nice people."
- Sara Fuentes

At the computer, senior Ashleigh Spear works on billing at Watson, Salsbury and D'Angelo Pediatrics in Falls Church.

A quiet moment. Junior David Cook checks over receipts at Roy Rogers across from the school on Route 7.



More Than A Paycheck

"Can you come over to my house after school?"

"Sorry, I can't. I have to work today."

These were typical words exchanged between students in the hallway during the school year. For many Mustangs a job was a very real part of their life. In general, students enjoyed their part-time occupations but for assorted reasons. Junior Jennifer Preston, a page at Mary Riley Styles Library, said, "The hours are great, and my boss is really cool about everything." John Blackwell, a junior who worked at Three Pigs, said, "My job puts me in touch with reality." Junior David Cook liked the level of responsibility he assumed at Roy Rogers. He said, "I'm trained to do everything. I need to make sure it's all going right."

Of course, one of the more exciting prospects about a job was cashing the paycheck. "I take it and spend it right away on books from Hole-in-the-Wall," said Daniel Brown, who worked with children at Columbia Baptist Day Care Center. Others spent their salary on their cars, tapes, comic books, clothes, or fast-food snacks.

Not all jobs were paying ones. Senior Anush Santhanam volunteered his time at the National Zoo, setting up exhibits and working in the educational centers. "It's a very fulfilling experience and a welcome change from the normal school stuff," he remarked.

Mustangs who worked knew what it meant to "juggle eight balls."

Small talk. Junior Daniel Brown chats with two preschoolers at Columbia Baptist Daycare Center where he worked every afternoon during the week.

Busy at work, freshman Sara Fuentes takes an order for pizza at Domino's on Broad Street in Falls Church.

Checking the numbers, junior Michael Lake, a weekend page, organizes books to be filed at the Mary Riley Styles Public Library in Falls Church.

"The Egg." Senior Chris Fetner prepares to head for home in his '78 Pontiac Grand Prix. This car was a gift from his brother.

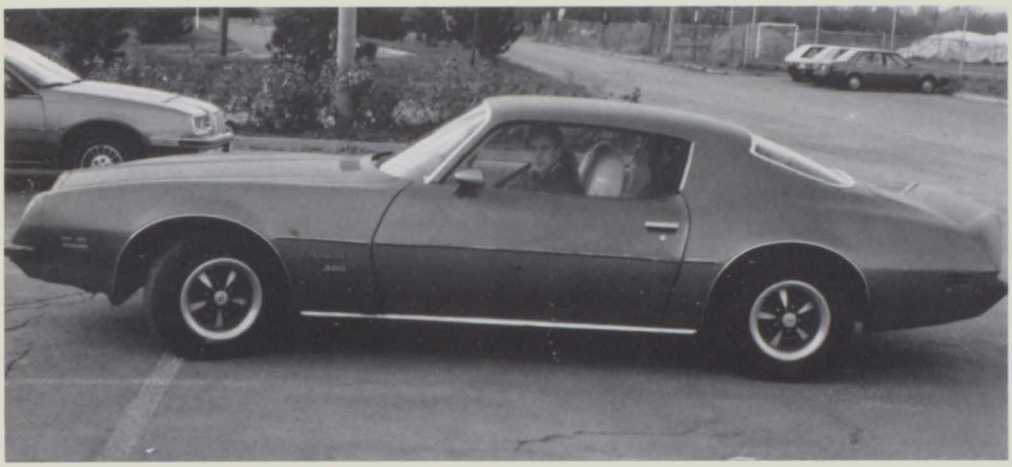
"Le Car." Senior Emma Fletcher gets ready to pull out of the student parking lot in her brown French Renault fun car.

The Classic Mustang. Senior Darryl Herlinger proudly stands next to his 1989 blue Mustang, his "pride and joy." Darryl's car was a twenty-fifth anniversary model.

Junior girls' wheels. Christy Ploch and Molly Henneberg pose on the hoods of their newer models of "wheels." Christy drove a Dodge Colt to school, and Molly drove an Accord.

A bluish-green dream machine. Senior Cory Russ shows off his 1974 V8 Firebird.

Cool seniors. Mark Larkin and Chris Ohr stand beside Chris' 1967 light blue Dodge Coronet. (Chris' middle name was "Earl," and when he got into trouble, people would call him that.)



Proud driver. Susan Stitt leans against her Isuzu Trouper that could carry more Mustangs than most sets of wheels.

A Basic Need

They were the objects of years of longing. They provided freedom and a sense of maturity. Yes, they were cars or "wheels." Sophomores especially felt the importance of cars because they were so close to having their own means of transportation to and from school. These students signed up for Mr. Jim Spirodopoulos' Driver Education class which provided them with practical instruction on how to drive a vehicle. Students had to learn all the rules during this class. When they eventually got their license and wheels (or keys to the family car), the rewards were substantial. Chris Fetner said, "If I didn't have my own car, I'd have to ride to school with my mom, and that would kill my cool senior rep."

Mustangs realized how much easier and more fun driving made life. "Having a car is the ticket to new and varied experiences," said senior Charlie Hunt. He added, "It lets you do what you want to do and gives you freedom to go places with your friends." Mustangs could be seen going to concerts, parties, movies, shopping centers, and jobs. Cars gave them the ability to get out on the road, and they broke out onto the "fast lane" in style.

Responsibility was a key word that went along with operating a car. Parents often used the car keys as the carrot over students' heads. "You want the car? Get good grades." Or, "You want the keys? Earn them." There was a strong emphasis put on the "If you drink, don't drive" campaign. Mustangs realized the importance of being responsible drivers as they prepared to go cruising.

A real treasure. Senior Sarah Swift holds up a specimen she found while exploring the Chesapeake Bay seashore with her biology class. Mr. Al Krueger took his students on an annual September field trip to go digging in the sand and water.

Trapped. Junior Kunnareath Tauch demonstrates the use of the stocks at Williamsburg.

Victims of history. Ms. Gail Nolan, U.S. History teacher, and Ms. Janet Weber, chaperone, portray nagging Williamsburg wives, put into the stocks by their husbands.

A different look. Junior Michael Lake illustrates the use of the negligee cap, worn by eighteenth century men.

A poetry reading. Mr. Peter Klappert, an outstanding modern poet, reads his work to senior English students in Room 180 on November 1.

A friendly gathering. Seniors Lisa Krebs and Marie Whipple and sophomore Megan Noyes interact with pre-schoolers at the Columbia Baptist Daycare Center during their child development class field trip.

"I had a great time. The kids were very playful, and they included us in their games and conversations."
- Marie Whipple

"It was great going into D.C. with Mr. Ballou's art class. We had freedom. We were treated like people."
- Katherine Temple

On a dig. Anthropology students Pilar Viccellio, Thu Do and Emma Fletcher go through the garbage they collected during a mini-dig field trip.

Out Of The Ordinary

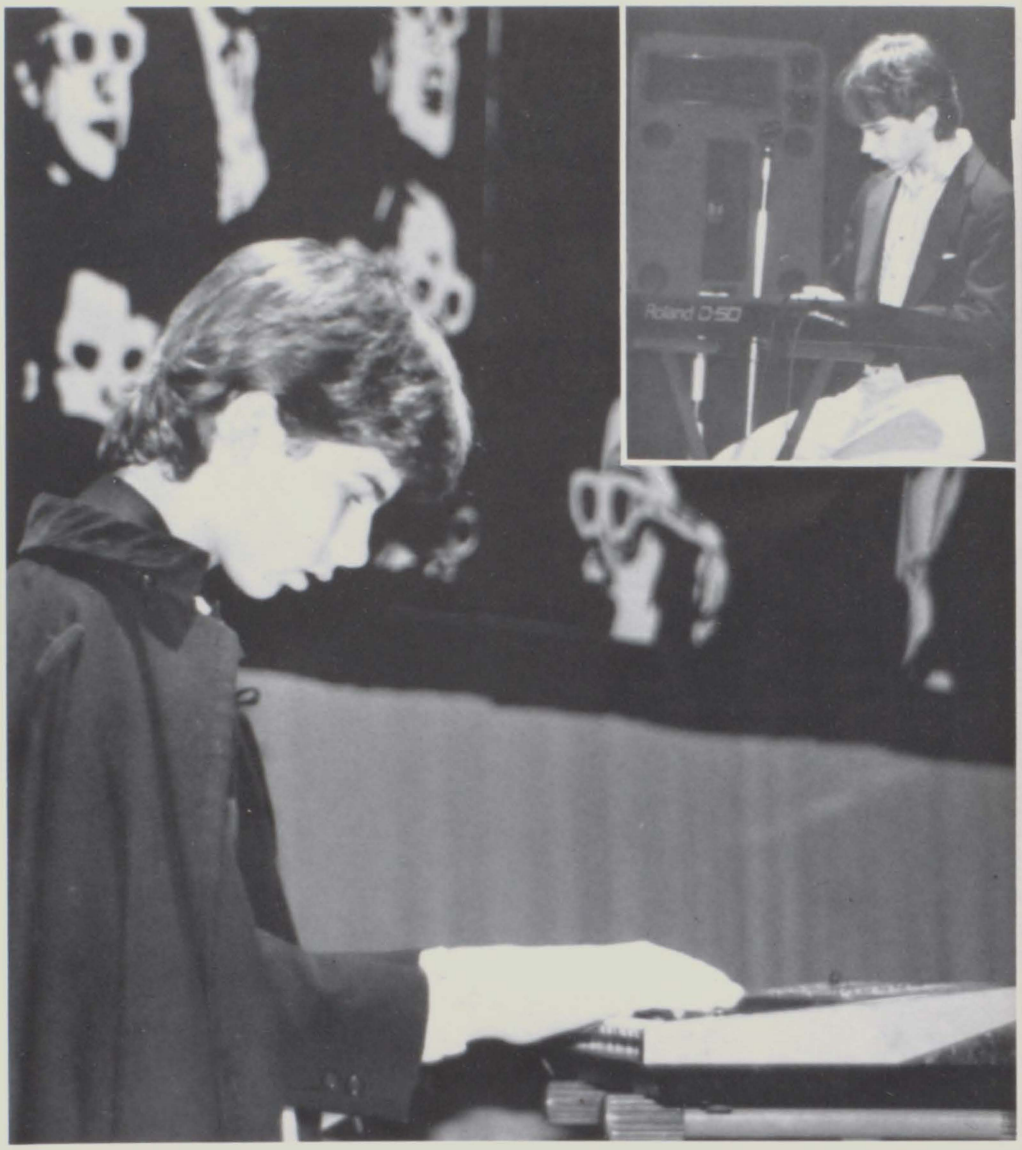
"It's a great way to get out of school," and "We get to see new things." These were two typical responses to the question, "Why do you like going on field trips?" Students were merciless in badgering teachers to take them somewhere, ANYWHERE! Some teachers were known for annual excursions to places of interest. Other teachers didn't want to budge from G.M.'s four walls. When classes did get out, students felt a release of energy. They felt free.

With permission notes and spending money they boarded yellow buses, or they grabbed the metro to "get out of town." Ms. Nolan courageously organized a long-distance excursion to Colonial Williamsburg in December. Junior David Cook said, "I really liked seeing the original weapons and the capitol because of its shape."

English students saw the play *The Glass Menagerie* with Mr. Milt Davis and Ms. Gail Meghan. Juniors and Seniors saw the movie "Glory" as a joint Social Studies/English field trip. Many trips were stimulating, fun and educational. A highlight of Business Law with Ms. Georgette Schaefer was touring the Supreme Court and sitting in on a trial.

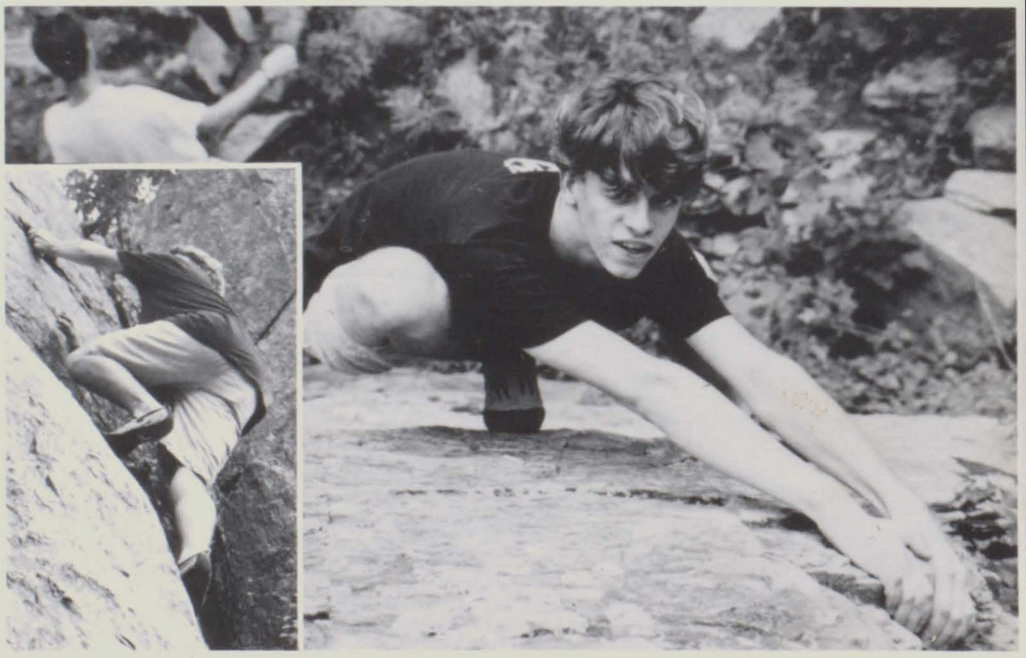
"Working on *The Murder Room* forced me to realize how challenging comedy can be."
-Matt Kern

"The best part of the Variety Show was John Genovese's playing when Andy Hunt and Greg Shannon came out of the catwalks.
-John Worrall



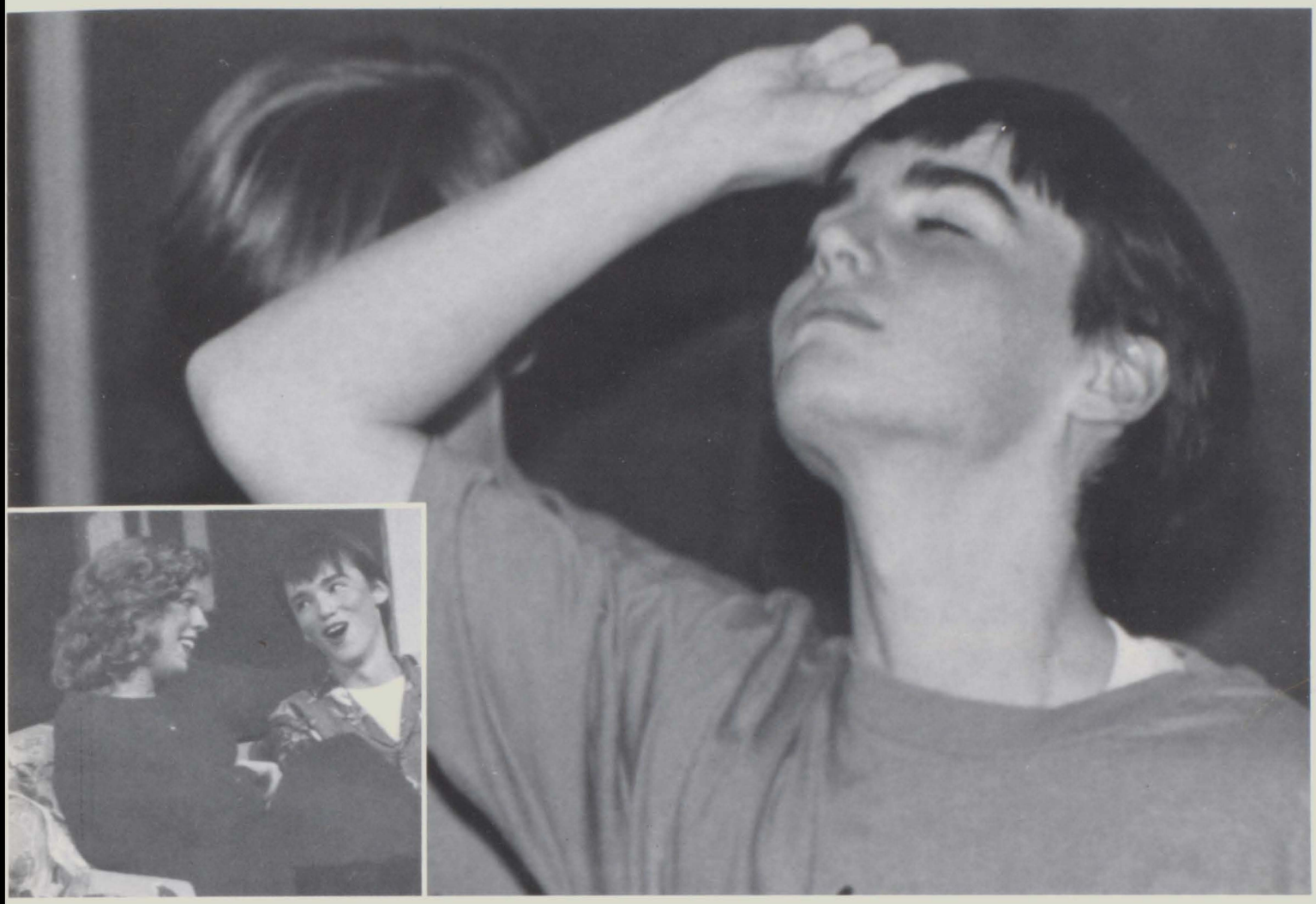
Wearing different costumes, John Genovese plays the keyboard during Junior Variety Show acts.

Great Falls, Summer '89. Andy Hunt tackles some challenging rocks.



For the effect. Matt Kern gets dramatic as he participates in a skit for the Middle School

On stage. Matt Kern as Barry Draper chats with Mavis Hollister (Ellen Wright) during the school play, *The Murder Room.*



Just desserts. With the help of Julie Patton, Aleta Hoover spray paints Coach John Kalepp's face at the pep rally before the homecoming game.

For The Fun Of It

2:45 p.m. meant "homework time" for many Mustangs who hurried to catch the bus. Weekends were chances to get caught up on assignments and projects. Or maybe they veg'd out. This wasn't the case, however, for Mustangs who turned to other interests besides school-related work.

Maybe it was a collection that consumed their time. Junior Molly Henneberg collected spoons and counted ninety in her showcase. When she went to England last summer, she received some grief about hunting for spoons. "Everyone spent a lot of time calling me a tacky tourist," she said.

Students often felt that urge for adventure that couldn't be fulfilled at school. Andy Hunt and Justin Black, juniors, spent leisure time rock-climbing. "It is a real challenge mentally and physically. It takes a lot of practice," said Andy.

For those with natural talents to express and develop, many turned to the arts. John Genovese played piano since he was thirteen. He even built his own bass instrument out of metal. Matt Kern, a sophomore also, pursued an interest in the arts by acting on stage whenever and wherever possible.

Playing sports was a passion for students like Aleta Hoover. She was actively involved in games during every season of her years at G.M.

From The Eighties . . .

Before The Decade Fades Too Fast
Lets Take A Glance At The 80's Past

Before our memories begin to fade,
I will bring new life to this decade.
Prince Charles and Lady Di: Who cares?
That volcano in Washington flares!
The election of Reagan, the plutocrat,
Means trouble for the liberal democrat.
The Shah—that man no one can stand,
Our embassy taken hostage in Iran.
Moscow is a U.S. boycott,
Reagan gets wounded by Hinkley's shot.
Argentina and Britain fight,
Walesa leads the workers' plight.
Reagan puts our boys in a Beirut death-trap,
Then attacks a country not on a map.
Ferraro is Mondale's Vice,
Reagan gets elected twice.
Goetz shoots four on subway train,
Ethiopians wither on a desert plain.
Hudson starts the AIDS scare,
Terrorists are everywhere.
Aquino takes Marcos' place,
Challenger blows up in space.
Libya's under American attack,
Chernobyl delivers an atomic whack!
Gorbachev pushes his Glasnost,
Trouble for the PTL host.
Marines seduced by Russian spies,
Reagan tells Iran-Contra lies.
Gary Hart is caught with his pants down,
Congress reaches new Iran-Contra ground.
North and Hall testify to Congress,
The Persian Gulf is an oily mess.
The national craze is addictive crack,
Abortion clinics are under attack.
The Stock Market falls apart,
Jesse Jackson inspires Heart.
Bush picks Dan Quayle,
Dukakis' debates fail.
Noriega is selling drugs,
China is headed by thugs.
Chinese are dead in the streets,
Tower and Wright lose their seats.
Upheaval in the Eastern Bloc,
Berlin Wall crushed to rock.
Steelers win fourth Super Bowl,
U.S. hockey scores winning goal.
Lakers are helped by a little magic,
Opponents think playing Gretzky is tragic.
Bear Bryant has the most wins,
Riggins, Redskins nip the 'phins.
Bjorn Borg streak is stopped at five,
Islander's cup streak is kept alive.
Weaver gives the Birds a series win,
Mary Lou Retton struts her winning grin.
Tennis makes McEnroe hopping mad,
Breaking Brown's record makes Payton glad.
Dan Marino lights 'em up,
Argentina wins the World Cup.
Nicklaus wins another green jacket,
No one can match Lendl's racket.
Jordan shows his ability to jam,
Steffi Graf wins the Grand Slam.
Brilliant apparel displayed by Flo Jo,
Johnson's steriod medal is a no-go.
Biondi collects a medal hoard,
Louganis hits his head on the board.
Rose's gambling gives baseball a shake,
Series is interrupted by the quake.
Williams relinquishes the crown,
Jackson's Thriller takes the town.
Everybody wants to know: who shot J.R.?
Madonna becomes a major pop-star.
T.V. viewers have the Hill Street Blues,
People put on their breakdancing shoes.
Kids play video games and the Rubik Cube,
MTV has every kid glued to the tube.
New Coke quickly disappears,
Titanic back after 73 years.
Lloyd Webber's cats come to stage,
Cabbage Patch is the national rage.
Alex P. Keaton is a yuppie icon,
Miami Vice has a hunk named Don.
And with this, this poem I will close,
What will happen in '90, no one knows.
Look at this decade with your head in the air,
Since this ten years was the first we were there.

Travis McGavin, "Poetic Eighties," *Lasso*, December 22, 1989, News Commentary, p. 5.

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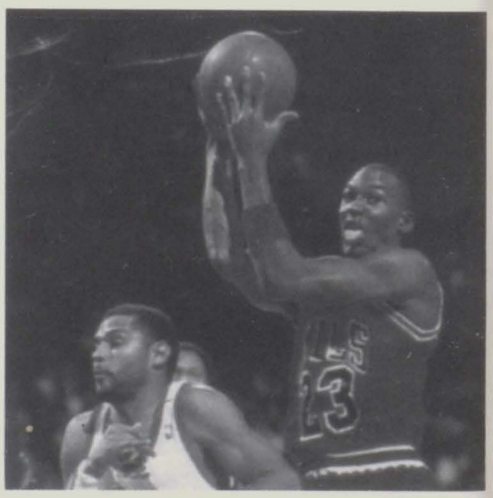


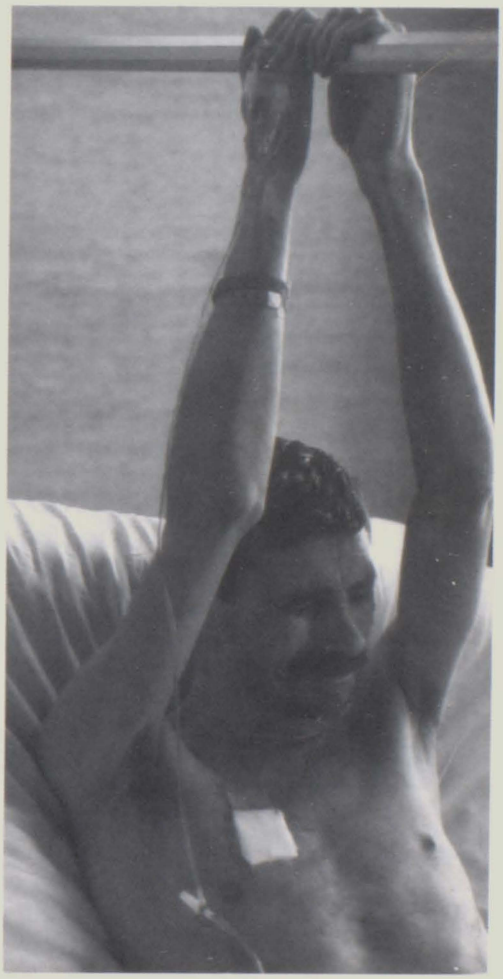
(Above) Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev was voted "1989 Man of the Year" for his extensive reforms in the U.S.S.R. (Pictured on his right is Pope John Paul.)
(Below) Otherwise known as "Air Jordan," Michael Jordan flew past his opponents repeatedly and was an inspiration to young athletes.

(Left) Nancy and Ronald Reagan say a final farewell to their reign in the White House as they welcome in Barbara and George Bush on Inauguration Day.

(Lower left) Combining animation with acting was a breakthrough in the film industry as used in the box-office hit, "Roger Rabbit."

(Below) The year was filled with controversy concerning D.C. Mayor Marion Barry's use of drugs and Jesse Jackson's intentions to run for office.

(Bottom right) The expression of this AIDS patient's face reflects the panic generated by the scare of this deadly disease.



. . . Into The Nineties

With The Future In Our Hands

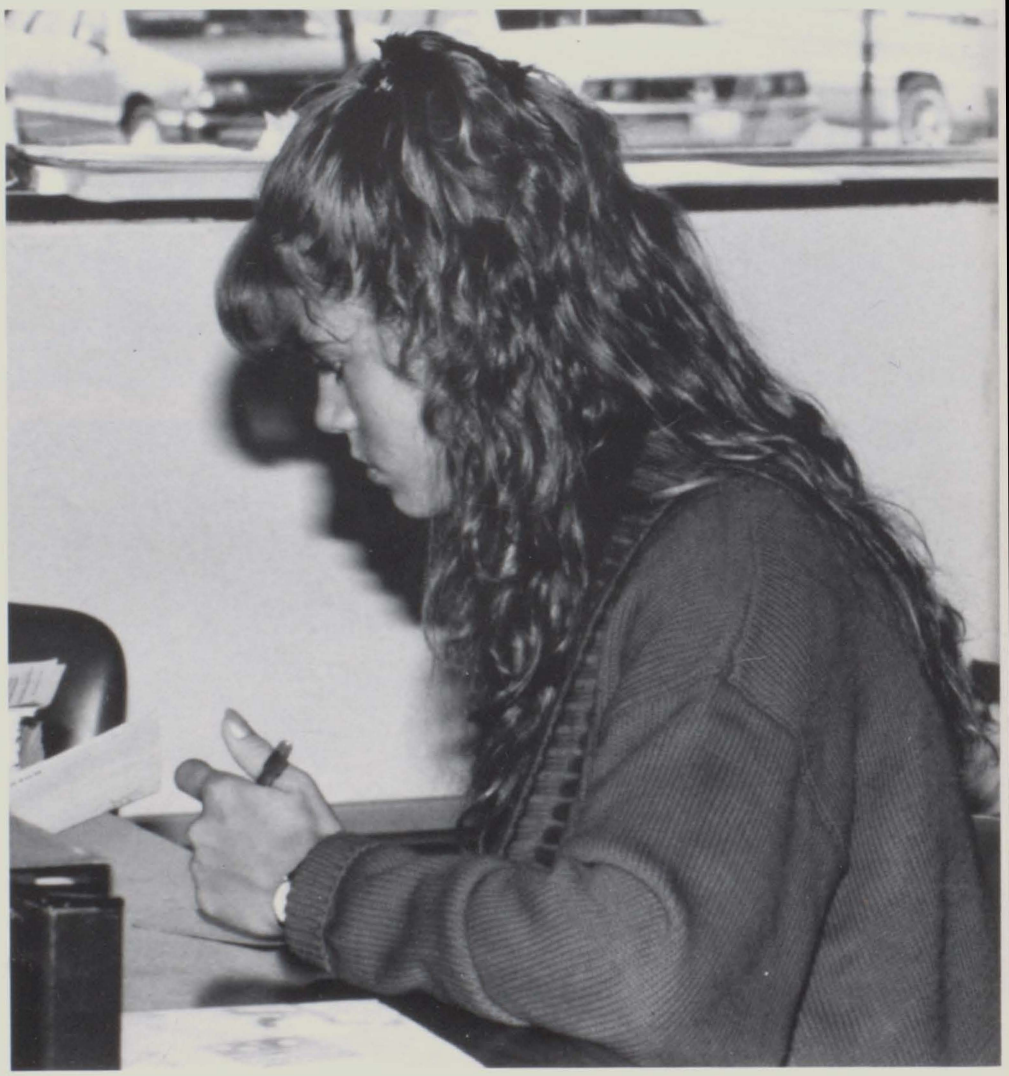
As the eighties passed into the nineties, we realized what important roles we would hold in determining the direction of the future. Senior Andrea Rausch commented: "In recent history there have been so many drastic political and economic changes throughout the world that social changes must follow. We'll be a part of that." The new decade brought new dreams and goals. We prepared to fulfill them in various ways.

We kept busy in the classroom, on the athletic fields, and just about everywhere that involved student activities. We got involved in situations that prepared us for life outside George Mason's walls. Seniors especially had to face their futures after graduation, which was on June 14. Perhaps we had different ideas about what we wanted to do with our lives and where we were going, but we all realized we would affect the outcome of the new decade.

Plans for after high school included attending one-year, two-year, or four-year colleges; business or trade schools; or company training programs. Many of us would develop careers in business, medicine, art, music, sports, education or journalism. Some of us just didn't know what we wanted to do, so we considered working or traveling before making commitments.

Senior Alyssa Van Duizend said, "We can predict the future from what we know of the past, but the only thing we can count on is that the world will continue to change. What we do with this world no one knows, but we are its future." We made a smooth transition from the eighties to the nineties. It was an important one for us.

Maticulous work. Junior Andy Hunt works on the artwork for the cover of the *1990 Mustang.*



Practical experience. Senior Lauren Cigledy uses her business skills as a daily office aide.

(At the top) Seniors Andrea Rausch and Travis McGavin conduct an interview with Virginia governor Douglass Wilder for the *Lasso.*
(Above) Seniors Sarah Swift and Ludo Bonsignore (our exchange student from Italy) walk the beach during a biology field trip to Chesapeake Bay.
(Left) Senior lab partners, Chris O'Hara, Bill Schultes and Jon Fritsch conduct an experiment in Mr. Mark Fredenburg's chemistry class.

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1. First class, outstanding or distinguished. **2.** G.M. PEOPLE

A practice session. Seniors Doug Thackrey and Travis McGavin answer typical "It's Academic" questions to prepare for a competition.

Classic People

An empire is only as strong as its rulers and statesmen; a school is only as strong as its faculty, students and support systems. This year George Mason faced some difficulties and inevitable changes that would have crumbled weaker walls, but the Mustangs remained strong and united. Throughout out year we discussed goals and made plans to unify as a group. We realized that each person was important, but more importantly we realized that we had to stay together to remain strong in the true Mustang spirit. Certain people stood out as leaders who took risks and helped organize us. The Student Council assumed traditional roles of leadership but also expanded them and were more vocal as class representatives. Certain people stood out as exemplary, and we looked up to them. We had much to be proud of. It was a classic year.

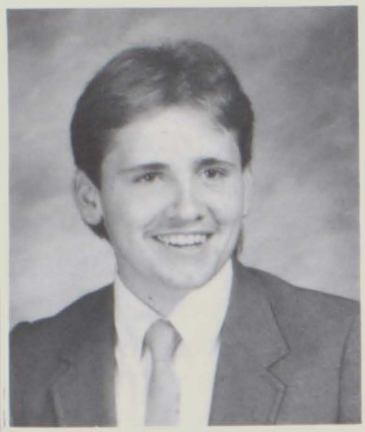
A special moment. Dr. George Thoms reads a letter he composed to commemorate Ms. Barbara's Ringgold's eight years of excellent teaching.

Standing tall, Mr. Milton Davis reads a student paper to his junior English class. He retired in June after thirty-four years of teaching.

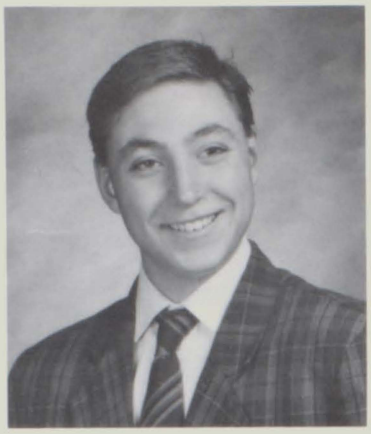
"Teachers have a special opportunity and responsibility as they work with students. During my thirty-four years in education, I have taught over 3,000 different students. It has been my goal that their lives have been enriched intellectually, emotionally and morally by my teaching."

- Milton Davis

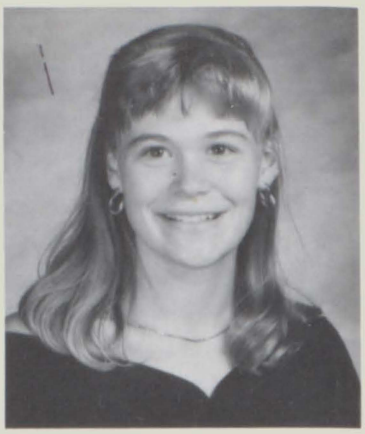
GUILLAUME BERNARDEAU
"Strange things are a foot at the Circle K." - Ted Theodore Login



FRED BLEVINS
"You know what time it is?"



LUDOVICO BONSIGNORE
"Sometimes when I feel really sad, most people play the piano, listen to music; I take my M60 and go on a shooting freeze."



JILL M. BOOZELL
"There is a road, no simple highway
Between the dawn and the dark of night.
So if you go, no one may follow
That path is for your steps alone."

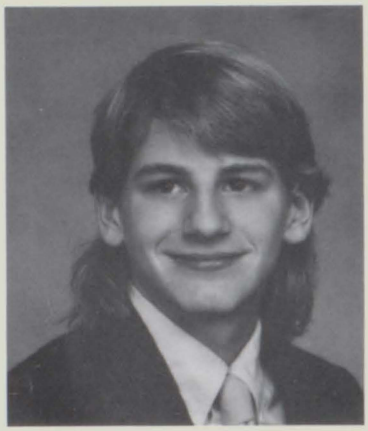
Timeless Traditions

We are, while we are here
We are, to those who remember us
As we were, so let us be
In our hearts and minds

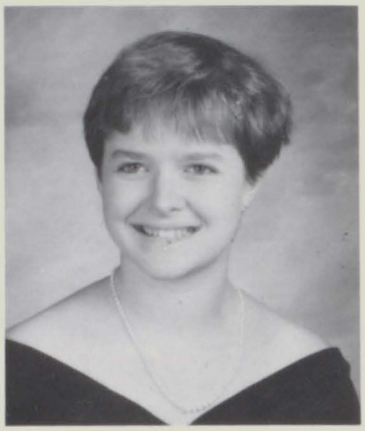
For as we will never be again
So shall we never stop being
For you knew us, and by you
We will all be remembered.

- J.F.H.

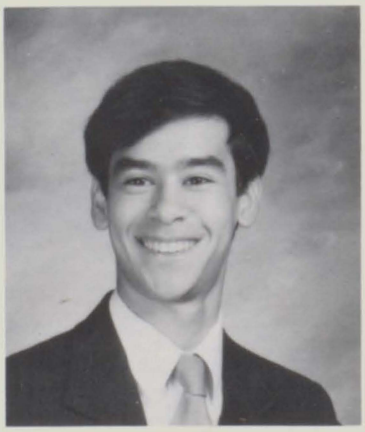
Goodbye and Good Luck
to the Class of 1990



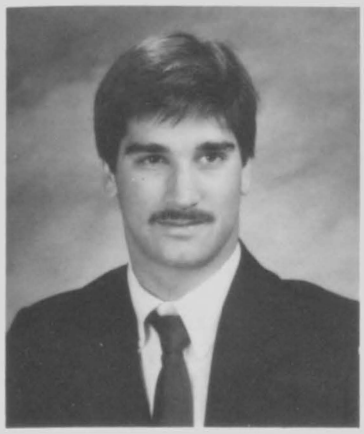
LANS CAMERON
"Sorry, you can't come in. There are too many people in here already."



RACHEL E. CARLSON
"In dreams and love there are no impossibilities." - Janos Arany

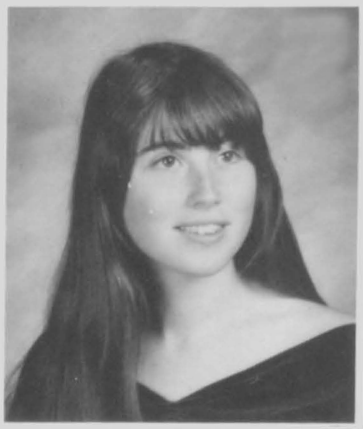


LEE CARSON
"I feel like I'm falling in a neverending abyss, except when I'm not."

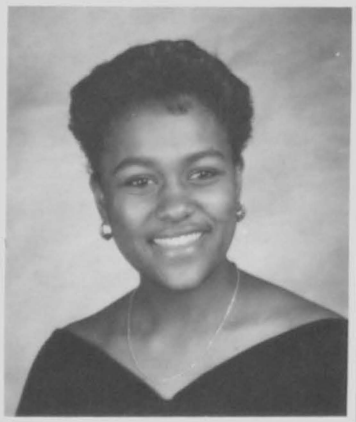


PATRICK J. CASEY
"I woke up this morning and had myself a beer." - The Doors. "Know when to say when. Be a friend; friends don't let friends drive drunk."

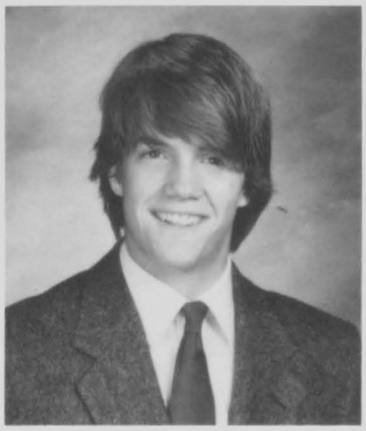
LAUREN LYNN CIGLEDY
"What is beautiful is good, and who is good will soon also be beautiful."



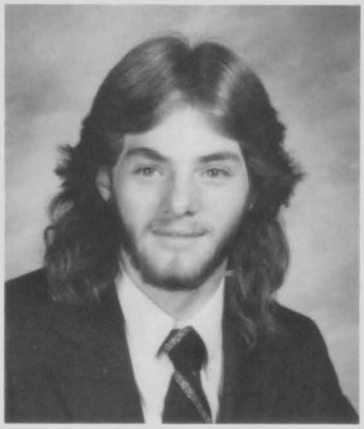
REBECCA CONABLE
"Whoso would be a man, must also be a nonconformist. He who would gather immortal palms must not be hindered by the name of goodness but must explore if it be goodness."



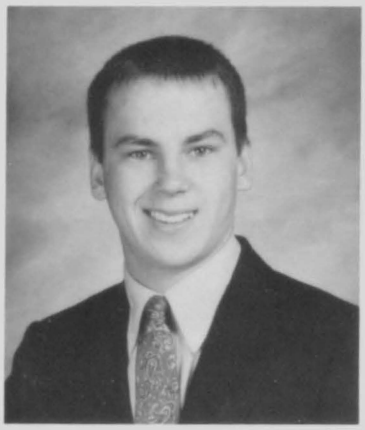
VANESSA COURTS
"I'm not afraid of tomorrow. I have seen yesterday and I love today!"



ROBERT CARL ENNIS
"Emancipate yourselves from mental slavery. None but ourselves can free our minds." - Bob Marley



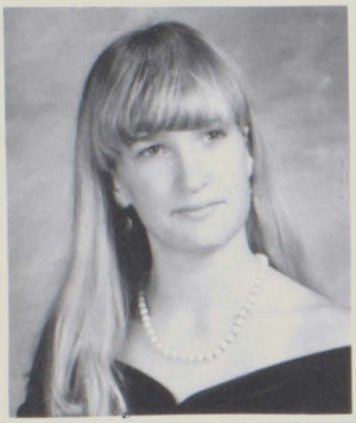
JOHN EPPARD
"Talking with you is like clapping with one hand!"



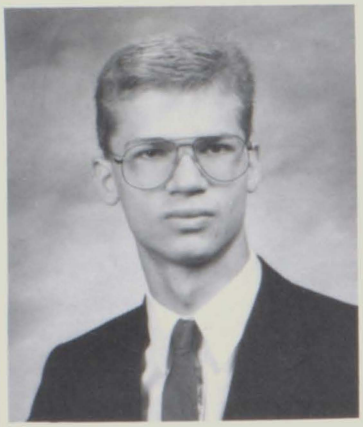
CHRISTOPHER M. FETNER
"There is no knowledge that is not power." - Emerson

Most Spirited

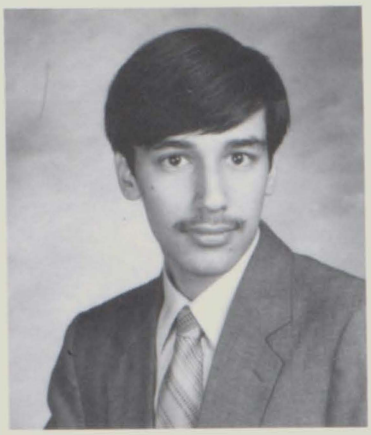
The "Most Spirited Awards" went to CHRISTIAN O'HARA, ALYSSA VAN DUIZEND AND CHRIS OHR. Very active members of their class, they showed off their spirit in all their activities. Chris was a captain of the football team, leading the Mustangs in rushing. Christian was a vital member of the varsity soccer team as well as captain of the varsity basketball team and led it in all aspects. Known for her enthusiasm and devotion to basketball, Alyssa was the captain of the Lady Mustangs and led the team in scoring and rebounding. As leaders of their teams, Chris, Christian and Alyssa were spirit-rousers at G.M.



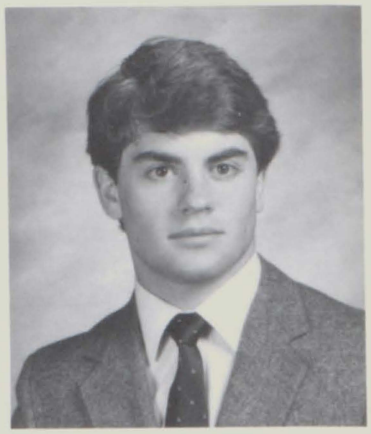
EMMA FLETCHER
"If you have an itch, scratch it." - Rude Dog



JONATHAN ARTHUR FRITSCH
"It takes a man to suffer ignorance and smile. Be yourself no matter what they say." - Sting

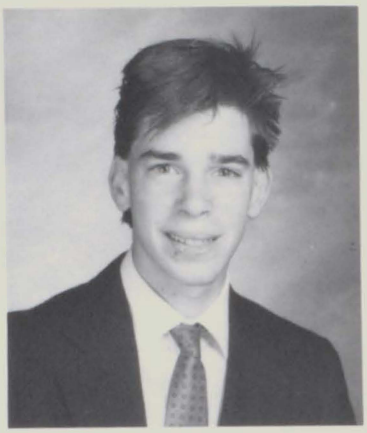


ALOK GERA
"Just because I am not paranoid doesn't mean everyone's not out to get me."



JARED R. GUCKENBERGER
"This is the time to prepare for real life for it starts after high school."

MIKE B. GUTHRIDGE
"Good luck and see you, my friends, later!"



PETER H. HARTOGS
"No man is free who is not master of himself."

Most Athletic

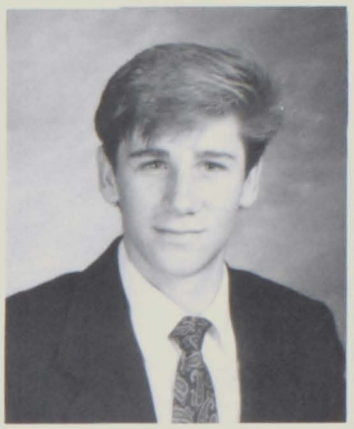
The "Most Athletic Awards" went to ALETA HOOVER and KENNY SALAS. Kenny was the starting quarterback for the Mustangs and led the team to their outstanding 7-3 record. He assisted them in going to the state playoffs during his senior year. He also kept active during the off-season by playing baseball. Aleta never had an off-season. She was an active team member of a sport all three seasons for her four years at George Mason. Besides being captain of the soccer and volleyball teams, she ran track and cross-country.

Senior victory. Alyssa Van Duizend and Aleta Hoover clap hands in celebration at the Powder Puff Game.

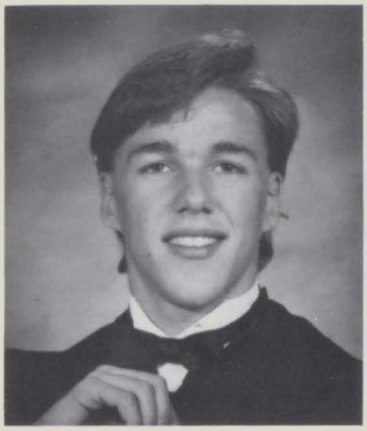
DARRELL HERLINGER
"Think big!" "I like it!"

ERIK HOBART
"Yes, there are two paths you can go by, but in the long run there's still time to change the road you're on." - Led Zeppelin

ALETA KATHRYN HOOVER
"Young teachers, the subject of school girls' fantasy." - The Police.



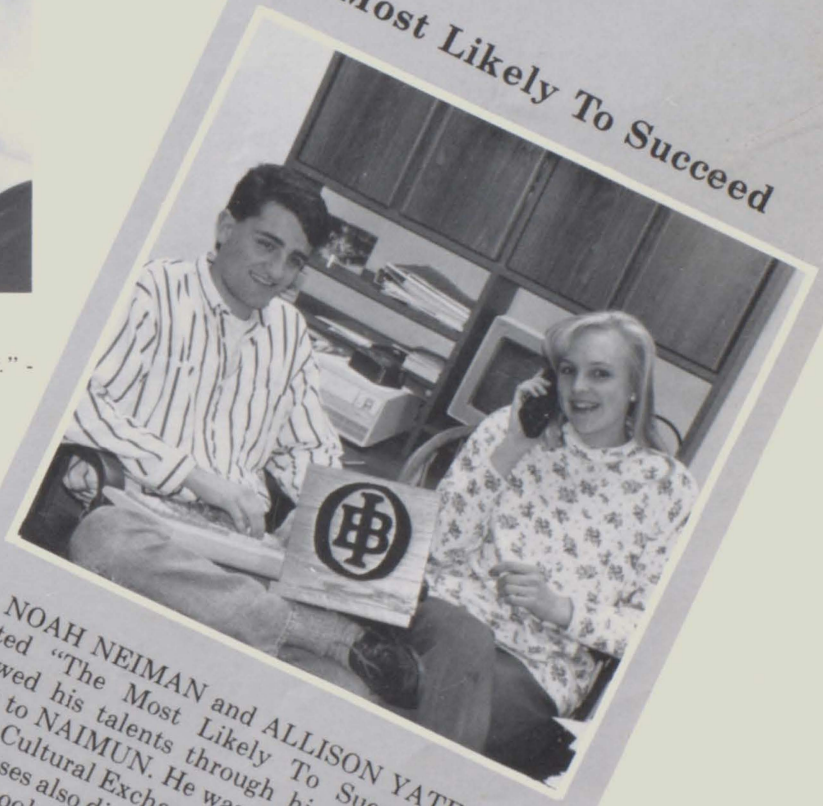
CHARLES HUNT
"Our success, rather than allowing us to rest on our laurels, motivates us to reach even higher." - Dr. F. Porsche



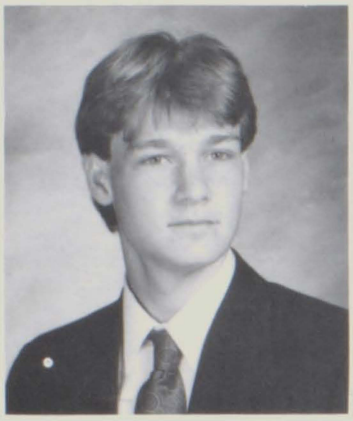
CHRISTOPHER HURLEY
"What seems to be the problem ocifer? . . . Was I fiving too drast?"

SUSAN JACKSON
"If today will not, tomorrow may." - Thomas Fuller

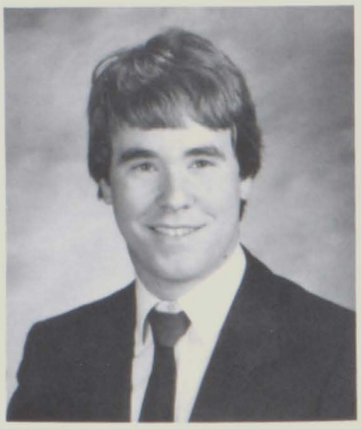
Most Likely To Succeed



NOAH NEIMAN and ALLISON YATES were voted "The Most Likely To Succeed." Noah showed his talents through his many contributions to NAIMUN. He was also an active member of the Cultural Exchange Club. Success in his honors classes also displayed his potential for life after high school. The list of accomplishments and honors for Allison was endless. She was a member of the National Honor Society, Service Club and Student Council. Despite an active modeling career outside school, she also found time to join the cross-country team, Drama Club, and choral groups such as the Madrigals.

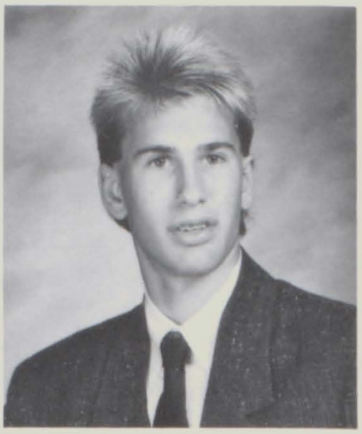


KURT FOSTER JOHNSON
"And any fool knows a dog needs a home, a shelter from pigs on the wing." - p.f.

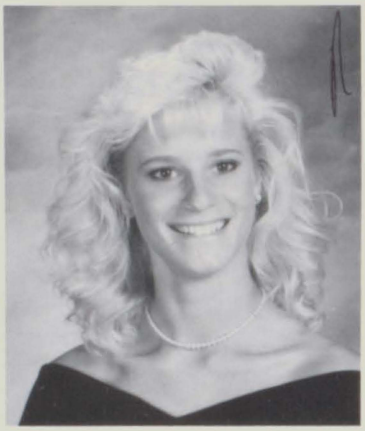


JOHN KARRO
"Everybody is entitled to my own opinion."

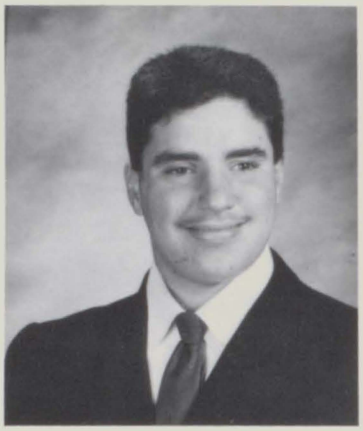
NICOLE KEMP
"All we need is just a little patience." - Guns N' Roses



MATTHEW H. KINGSLEY
"Live long and prosper." - Spock

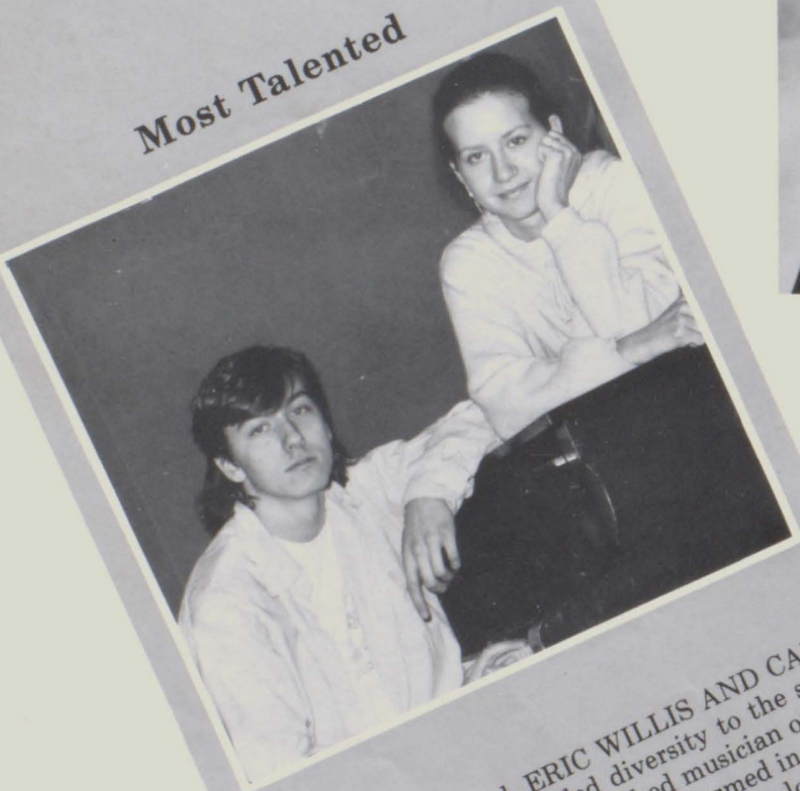


LISA S. KREBS
"Until I truly loved, I was alone."

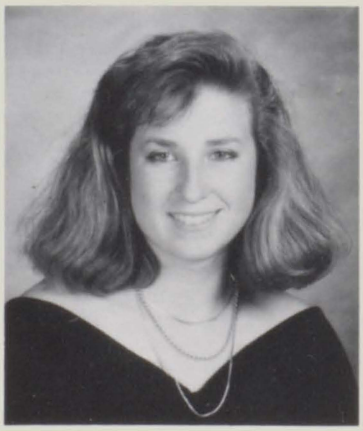


MARK LARKIN
"From dark to dawn . . . Beachweek '89-'90"

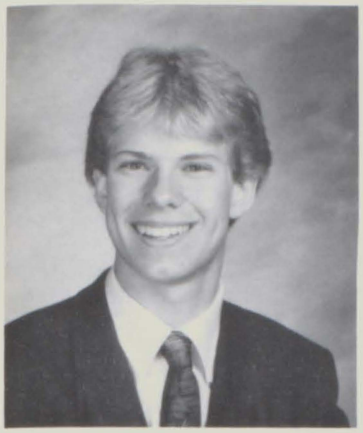
Most Talented



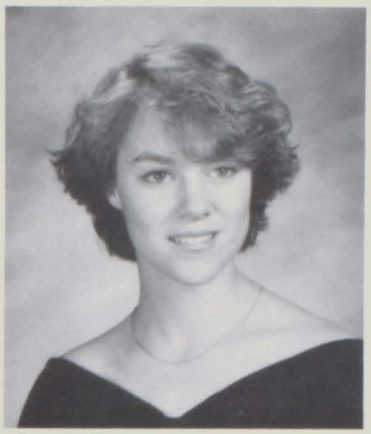
As most talented, ERIC WILLIS AND CAROLINE OXENHAM added diversity to the senior class. Eric was an accomplished musician on both the guitar and the piano. He performed in numerous variety shows with his band and soloed original works on the guitar. Caroline's greatest talent was dancing. She said, "I hope to join a professional dance company after I graduate." She already belonged to the Washington Ballet Company."



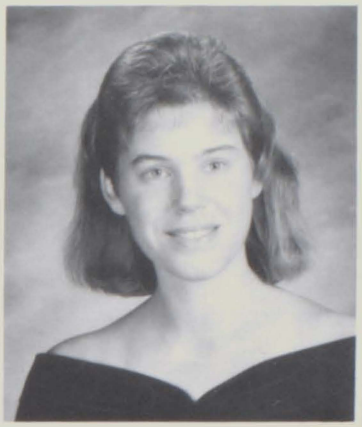
LACHLAN LEACH
"I am hearing right and wrong so clearly, there must be more than this. It's only in uncertainty." - Peter Gabriel



MICHAEL LELAND
"If your cup is full, let it be again." - Robert Hunter

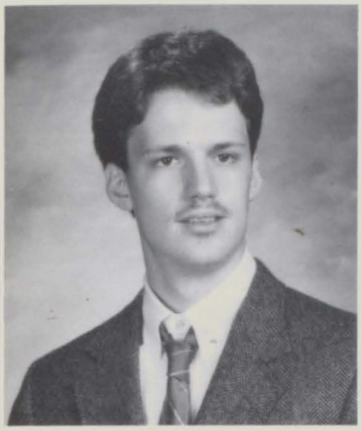


MEREDITH SELENA LENKER
"Create your own happiness and be free."

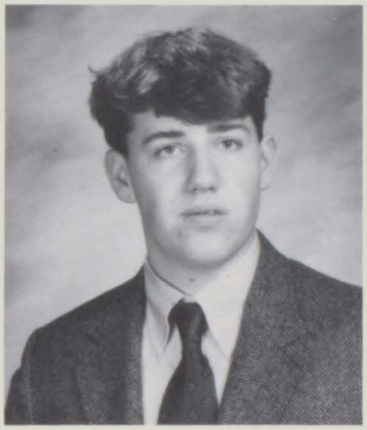


BONNIE PATRICIA MARTIN
"Friends are friends forever! A lifetime's not too long to live as friends."

SARA L. MCCLELLAND
"Let it rock, let it roll. Let the Bible belt come and save my soul. Hold on to 16 as long as you can; changes come around and make us women and men." - JCM



TRAVIS MCGAVIN
"I spent four years prostrate to the higher mind, got my papers and I was free." - Amy Ray

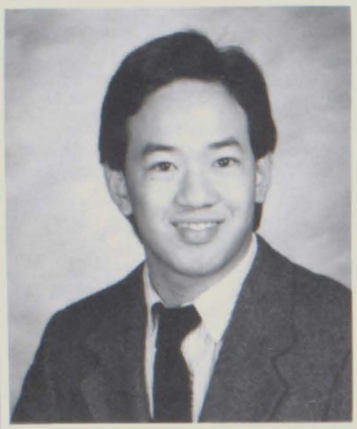


MIKE MCINTIRE
"No one can determine what you will turn out to be, not school, not your parents, no one but you."

CYNTHIA MCKENZIE
"Two is better than one."

Class Cuties

The "Class Cuties Awards" went to LANS CAMERON and MEGHAN RULAND. It was an odd moment when they were found apart. As "class cuties" they even looked awkward without each other. As compatible as they were, both were friendly as individuals also. They were involved in a variety of activities. Their personal diversity added to their character. Lans and Meghan were a great pair.



VINCENT MENDOZA
"Life is not a having and a getting but a being and a becoming."

AMY ELISABETH MOORE
"Red is grey, yellow white. But we decide which is right and which is an illusion." - Moody Blues

THERESIA E. MULLER
"There are few personal problems that cannot be solved with a few explosives."

JAY MUNSTERMAN
"In illusion comfort lies . . ." - Andrew Eldritch

NOAH D. NEIMAN
"This is not the end. This is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning." - Winston Churchill

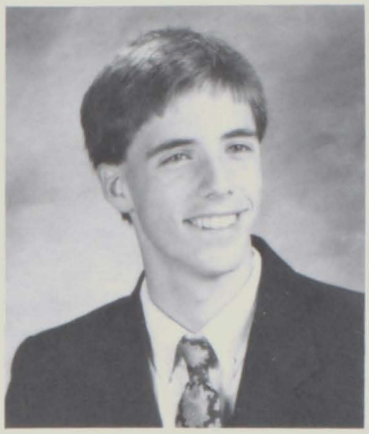
LINDA NGUYEN
"If you're lookin' for a miracle, open your eyes. There was one this morning just about sunrise."

Most Flirtatious

The "Most Flirtatious Awards" went to ROBERT OLIVIER and LISA KREBS. If being flirtatious meant "acting as if in love without serious intent," they gave us that impression at least. Although both had serious relationships outside school, neither could ward off admirers. With their good looks and charisma they were most attractive to others around them in and out of school. Both had "a lot going for themselves," but they'll be remembered as flirts.

AMIE E. NOYES
"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood . . . but against principalities . . ." - Ephesians 6-12

KERRY ELIZABETH O'GRADY
"The winter days they last forever, but the weekends went by so quick." - John Cougar Mellencamp



CHRISTIAN O'HARA
"Cause tramps like us, Baby we were Born To Run . . ." - Bruce Springsteen

CHRISTOPHER EARL OHR
"Cold filtered, never heat pasteurized . . ."

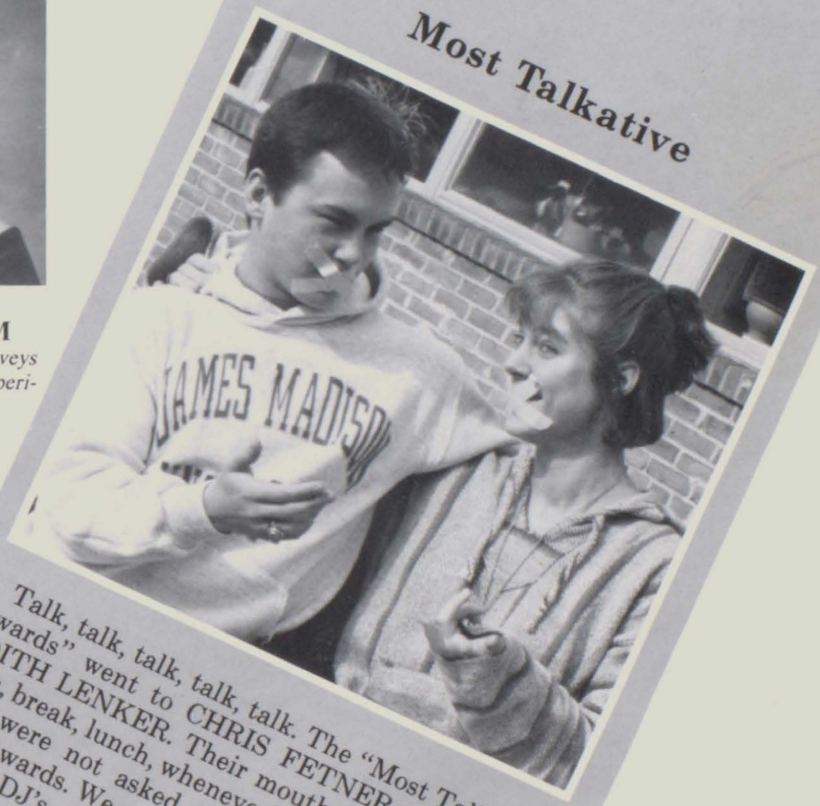
KIM OLINGER
"Life is the childhood of immortality." - Goethe

ROBERT OLIVIER
"Vini, Vidi, Vici" - Julius Caesar and "I have a dream . . ." - M.L.K.

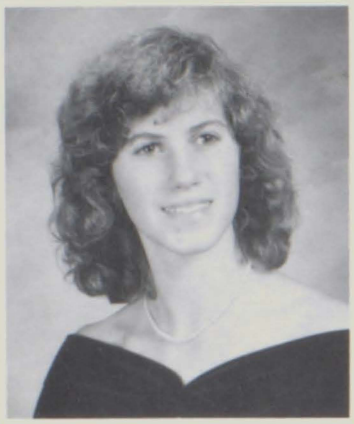
CAROLINE OXENHAM
"Dance through movement conveys the most intangible emotional experience."

STEPHENE PARRY
"And these children that you spit on, as they try to change the world, are immune to your consultations. They're quite aware . . ." - D.B.

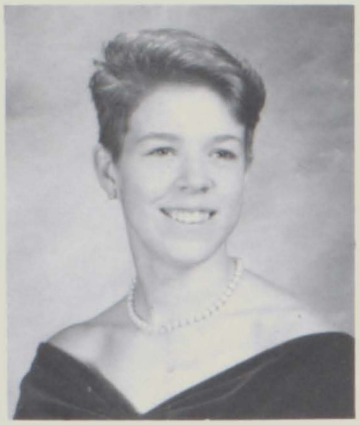
Most Talkative



Talk, talk, talk, talk, talk. The "Most Talkative Awards" went to CHRIS FETNER and MERIDITH LENKER. Their mouths flapped during class, break, lunch, whenever! Due to lack of space, they were not asked to comment on receiving these awards. We considered them potential salespeople, DJ's, or politicians after graduation since their mouth muscles were so toned. They were good friends to many who were willing to "lend them an ear."

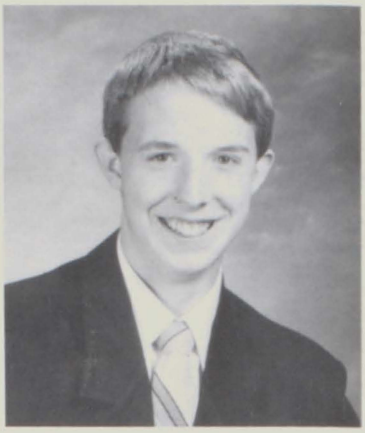


JULIE A. PATTON
"45 WL, ooooo that is nice!"



JENNIFER L. PEACOCK
"Meet me halfway."

ERICA PERSSON
"But the whole world stills to listen, and God in His heaven smiles. For the best is only bought at the cost of great pain."



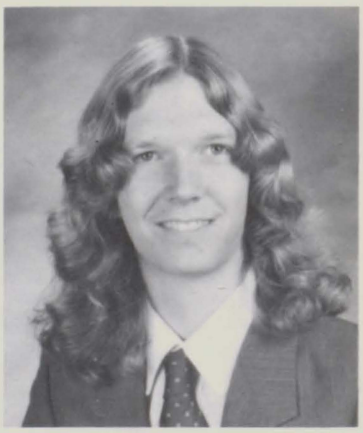
DAVID QUINN
"No bird soars too high, if he soars with his own wings." - William Blake

ANDREA LEIGH RAUSCH
"All thoughts of a turtle are turtle." - Emerson

KIMBERLY G. RENFROW
"Hey man"

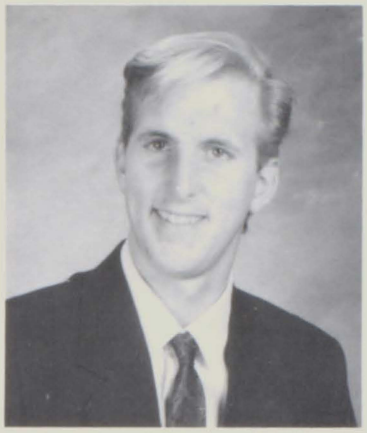
Most Artistic

This year's "Most Artistic Awards" went to LANS CAMERON and PILAR STRUTIN-BELINOFF. Both were enrolled in advanced art classes and worked closely with Mr. John Ballou to develop their talent. Lans had permanent artwork up in school and won the Drug Awareness Poster Contest. Pilar's work was also displayed permanently. As art editor of *Tempo*, she submitted and evaluated artwork. Both planned on careers in art.

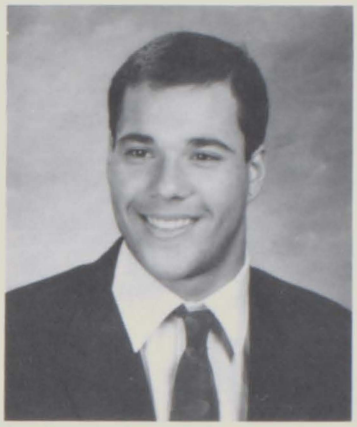


EDWARD RIPPLE
"I am a demon to some, an angel to others."

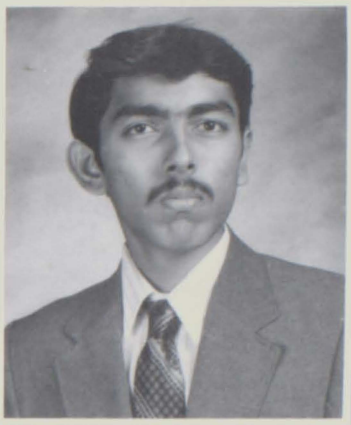
MEGHAN RULAND
"There's no such thing as being bored. There are only boring people."



CORY RUSS
"CORY!"

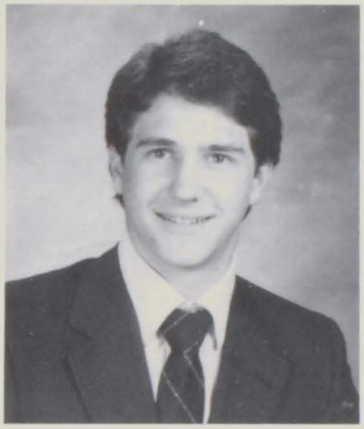


KENNY SALAS
"Gotta Be, 7-3!"



ANUSH SANTHANAM
"Remember that you are an actor in a play, the character of which is determined by the playwright."

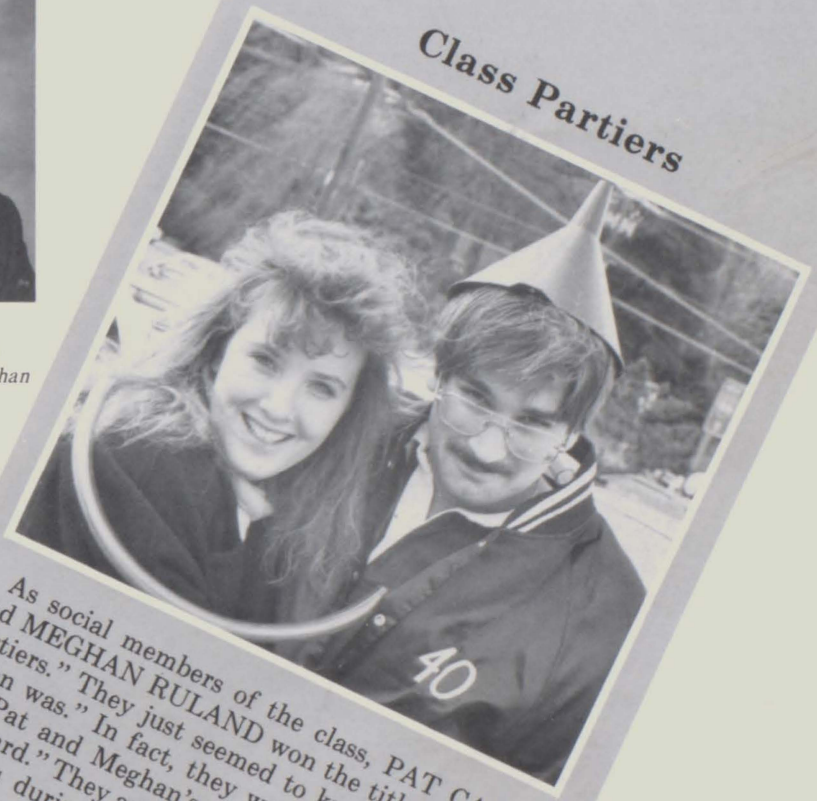
VALERIE SCHNEIDER
"To live, to err, to fall, to triumph, to recreate life out of life!" - Stephen Dedalus



WILLIAM SCHULTES
"It's better to have lost at love than never to have loved at all."

COLLEEN MARIE SHREVE
"All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players." - William Shakespeare

Class Partiers

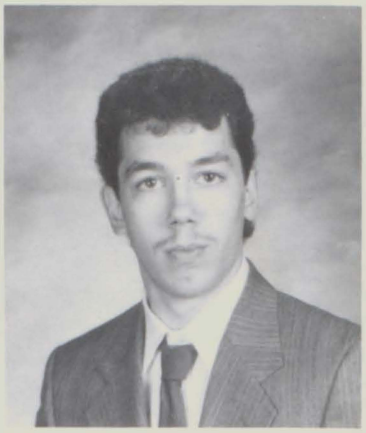


As social members of the class, PAT CASEY and MEGHAN RULAND won the title of "Class Partiers." They just seemed to know "where the action was." In fact, they were always ready for fun. Pat and Meghan's motto was "Work hard, play hard." They assumed their responsibilities as students during the school year, but especially when the weekend arrived, they got their priorities straight. It was party-time for these two.

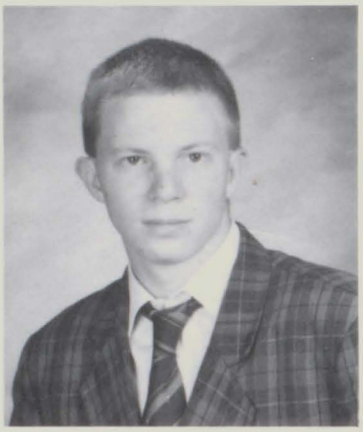
J. ASHLEIGH SPEAR
"Look out world. Here I come!"

TANYA LYNNETTE SPRIGGS
"Seeeee yaaa! I'm outta here."

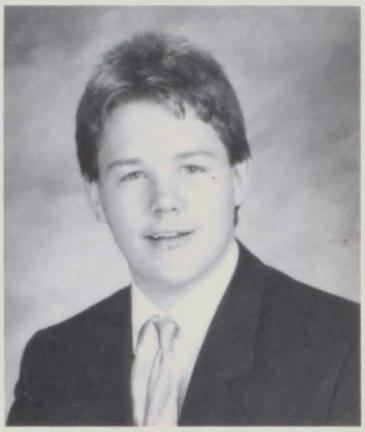
EVA STERGIOU
"All she wants to do is dance." - Don Henneley



GEORGE STERGIOU
"Ah come on, buddy!"

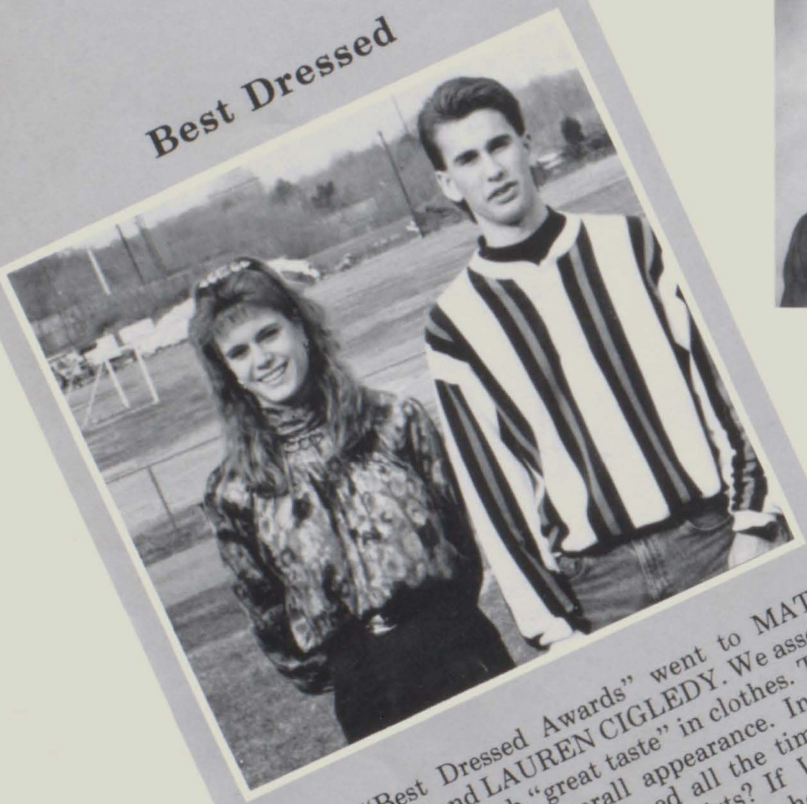


JEFFERY T. STOBO
"I am what I am . . . a Ganksta"



SCOTT ROBERT STRITE
"You snooze, you lose!"

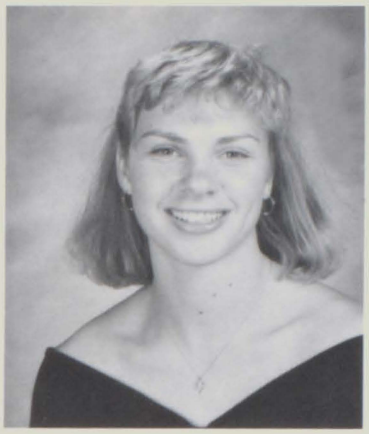
Best Dressed



The "Best Dressed Awards" went to MATT KINGSLEY and LAUREN CIGLEDY. We associated these two with "great taste" in clothes. They took pride in their overall appearance. In fact, they looked perfectly groomed all the time. Did they even own sweats and T-shirts? If *Vogue* or *GQ* had done a fashion search at school, they would have located Matt and Lauren.

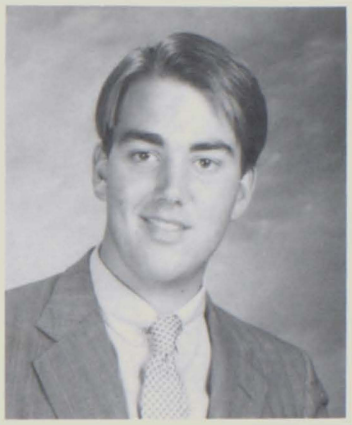
Holding a flour-sack baby from Child Development class, Robert Ennis has a snack in the senior lounge.

PILAR STRUTIN-BELINOFF
"You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope someday you'll join us. And the world will be as one." - John Lennon

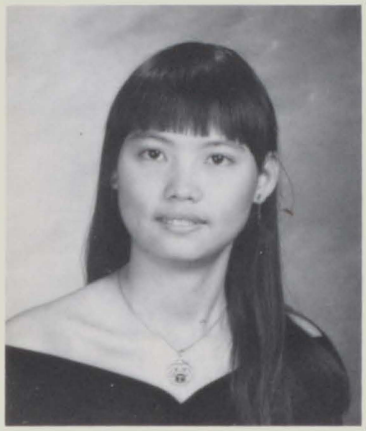


SARAH SWIFT
"I want to change the world But I don't know what to do. So I leave it up to you."

DENISE A. TASKER
"We have all forgot more than we remember." - Thomas Fuller



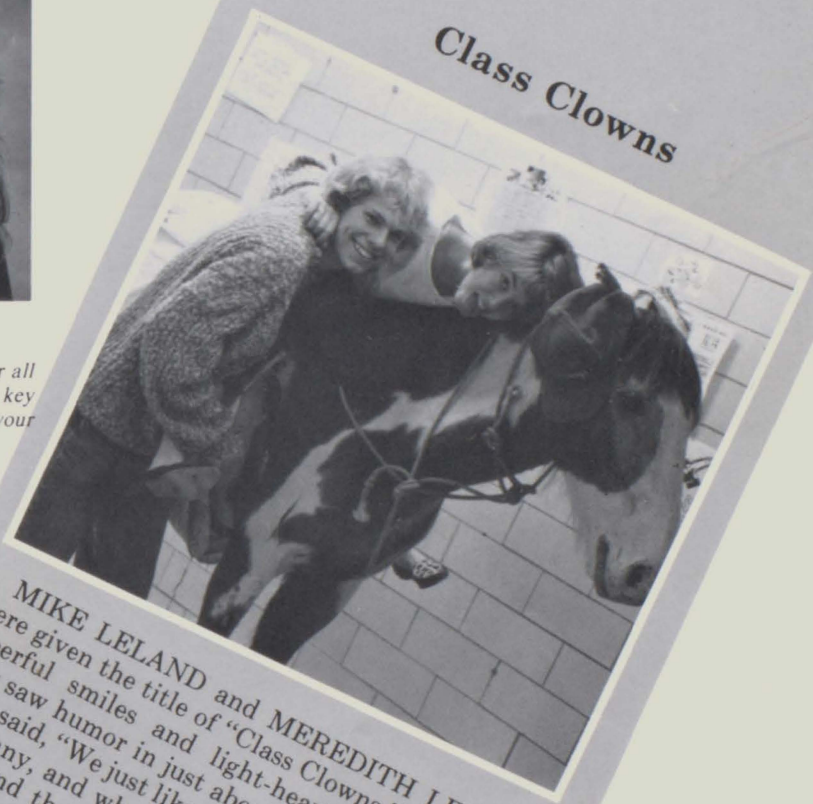
DOUGLAS KENT THACKREY
"Some people think the glass is full; Some think the glass is empty. Others think it's an optical illusion. There is no water at all."



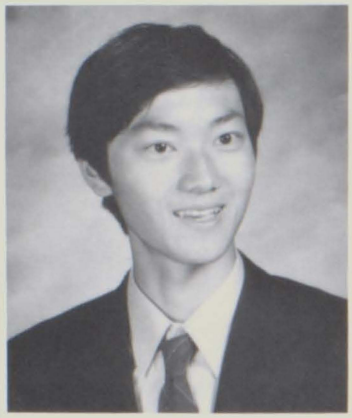
HONG HUE THAI
"Life is a puzzle."

SHANA TOLKAN
"You hold the key to love and fear all in your trembling hand. Just one key unlocks them both. It's there at your command." - c. powers

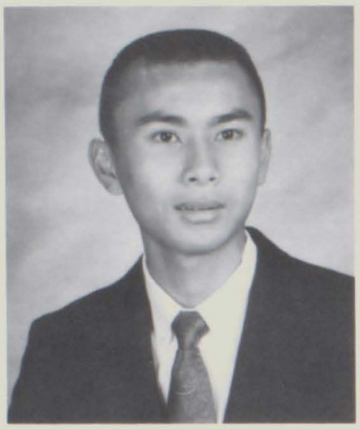
Class Clowns



MIKE LELAND and MEREDITH LENKER were given the title of "Class Clowns." With their cheerful smiles and light-hearted dispositions, they saw humor in just about any situation. Meredith said, "We just like to have a good time! Jokes are funny, and who cares if they're not?" Everyone found the long school hours more enjoyable because of these two.



TETSURO TOYA
"Whatever will be, will be . . ."



KHANH Q. TRAN
"If there's grass on the field, play ball, and dead men don't make money."

LINDA TRAN
"Live all you can. It's a mistake not to. It doesn't so much matter what you do in particular so long as you have your life."

ALYSSA VAN DUIZEND
"Good friends we have, and good friends we've lost along the way. In this bright future you can't forget your past. So dry your tears, I say." - Bob Marley

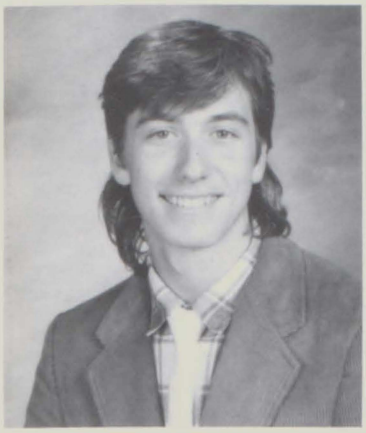
DANA L. WELLS
"An open mind leaves a chance for someone to drop a worthwhile thought in it."

TIMOTHY WELTER
"Good-bye to all my friends."

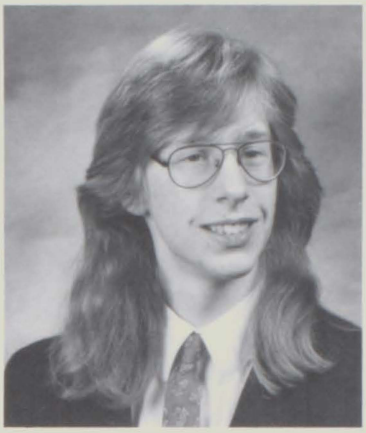
Best All-Around

There was no doubt that CHRISTIAN O'HARA and ALLISON YATES were "the best all-around students." Both had incredible amounts of school spirit and amiable personalities. Both contributed greatly to the senior class and to George Mason, in general. Christian was sports editor of *Lasso* and captain of the basketball team. Allison was a cheerleader, NHS member, cross-country runner and more. They also had a full load of honors classes.

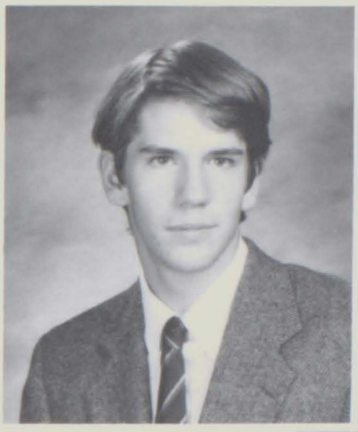
MARIA WHIPPLE
"See Yaaa! Estoy fuera de aqui. Good luck to all from The Smurf."



ERIC W. WILLIS
"If you choose not to decide, you still have made a choice. You can choose from phantom-fears and kindness that can kill . . . I will choose freewill." - RUSH



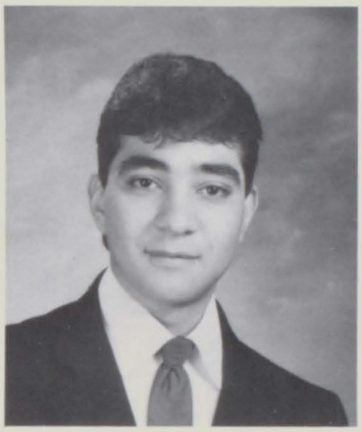
JAY W. WORRALL IV
"Dona Nobis Pacem"



STEPHEN WORREL
"Once more unto the breach." - Henry V

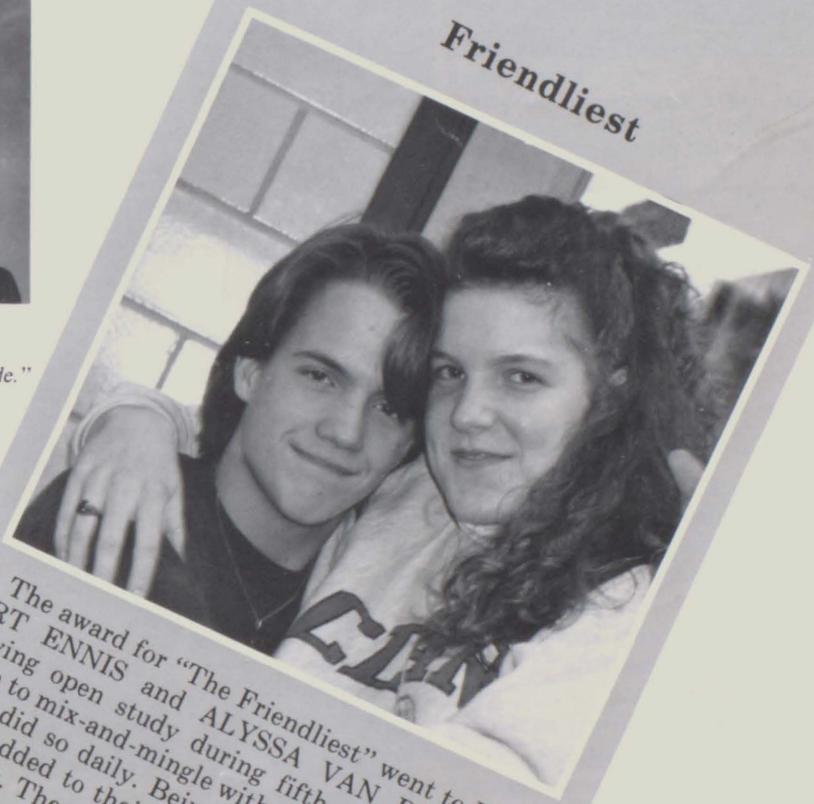
TERRI L. WYNKOOP
"I don't know where I'm going, but I'm on my way! Uh-huh!"

ALLISON YATES
"Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of one's friend springs from his earnest counsel." - Proverbs 27:9



HOMAN YAVARI
"All we are is dust in the wind, Dude."

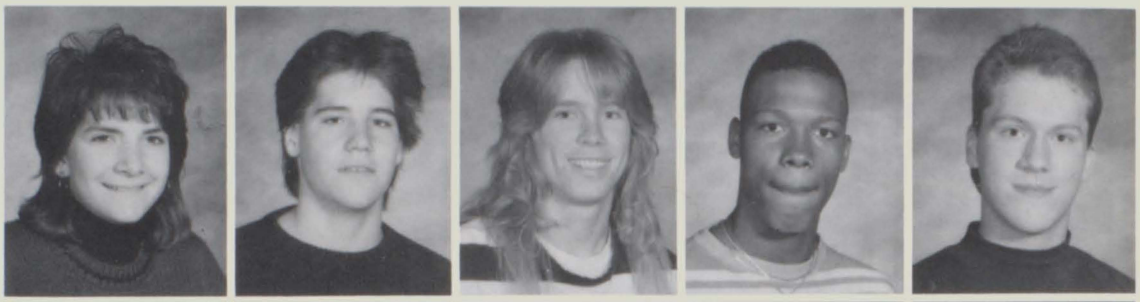
Friendliest



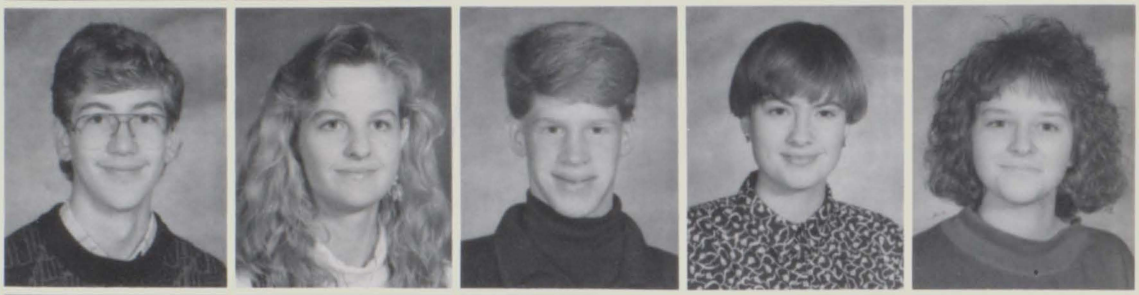
The award for "The Friendliest" went to ROBERT ENNIS and ALYSSA VAN DUIZEND. Having open study during fifth period allowed them to mix-and-mingle with many of the seniors. They did so daily. Being good friends with each other added to their enjoyment of being sociable students. They believed in the importance of being part of many groups, not just one particular crowd. Their smiles and openness brightened up the seniors.

Going for the ball, Cindy Wilson (junior) chases after Emma Fletcher (senior) in the traditional Powder Puff Game played during Spirit Week. The senior girls beat the junior games in this competition.

Heather Anderson
Anthony Ball
John Barnett
Floyd Beale
Justin Black



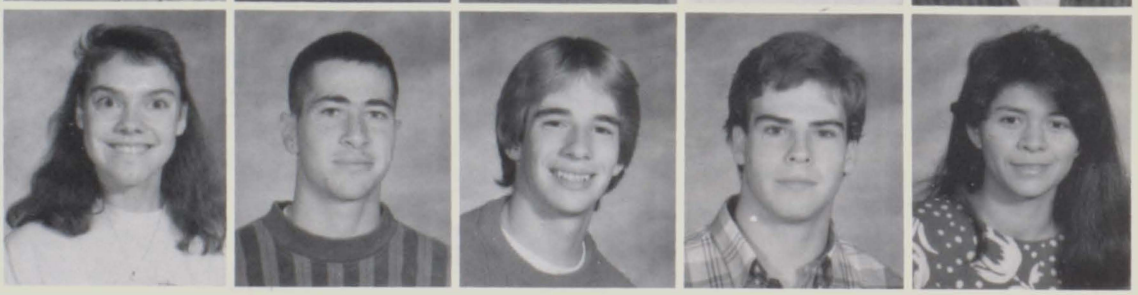
Daniel Brown
Jerusha Burgess
Andrew Burk
Hannah Burke
Ellen Carlson



Christopher Carpenter
Kathryn Chamberlin
David Cook
Deborah Cory
Andrew Craig

Danny Cronin
Lisa Michelle Day
Thu Thi Ung Do
Jason Doolittle
Paul Dunn

Kay Eister
Sean Fair
Mitch Falter
Zachary Falter
Ada Flores



Going solo, Rosemary Ragusa sings "When The Children Cry" in Act I of the Variety Show.

"I enjoyed dancing again for the first time in a long while. -Alison Sedei

Checking her makeup, Alison Sedei prepares to dance to "Fantasy" in Act II of the Variety Show.

In traditional formal attire, two junior couples represent the class on the Homecoming Court. *From left,* Zach Falter, Molly Henneberg, Sven Gronlie and Lisa Menendez pose for a formal picture.

Carrying On Traditions

"We're spirited and good-hearted," said Lorraine Hahn about the junior class.

The year proved her right, and their paint-splattered jeans told the story. They were the brave juniors who returned late at night after the homecoming bonfire to uphold a tradition of changing the year on the Booster Club's concession booth. Unexpectedly though, this year was different. The seniors broke tradition and changed the '91 back to '90 the next day. The juniors returned to change it back to '91.

Tradition played a great role in defining the junior class. Jason Doolittle described the class as "divided at times but linked together in some way." They pulled together as a class during Spirit Week by decorating their hallway and wearing black on Junior Day. Their spirit index measured high on those days!

So many things were expected of them. Alyssa Wilson, Class Treasurer, said her job as class officer was "to bring the class closer together." The officers had a major responsibility to motivate the class to raise enough money to give the seniors their Prom which was held on May 19 at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel in Washington, D.C. The band (The New Censation) cost $1,600!

Exhaustive fund-raising coupled with true dedication helped the juniors reach their goals: to pay for the Prom and leave $800 in the treasury for next year's juniors. The Junior Variety Show held on October 20 and 21 raised over $1,500. It was a hugh success. Other successful sales were bake-sales, holiday grams in December, and good-luck grams for midterm exam week. (They also raised money for the San Francisco earthquake at a Quakeshake Dance in November, so they felt proud of themselves.)

When reflecting on the year, President Mitch Falter said, "The juniors seemed to work well together, especially when it came to competing with seniors."

Quenching his thirst, Daniel Brown enjoys a Coke at a football game.

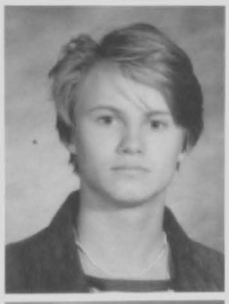
"A fun time is doing anything with my friends." -Sasha Day

A messy job. Travis Lincoln, champion pie-eater, and Greg Comer (Security Aide) prepare to clean up at the homecoming pep rally.

Jessica Fowle

Matthew Fulwiler

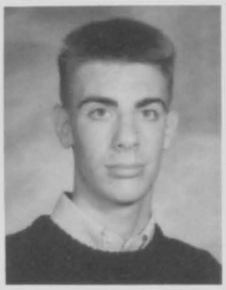
Selena Giebecke



Sverra Gronlie

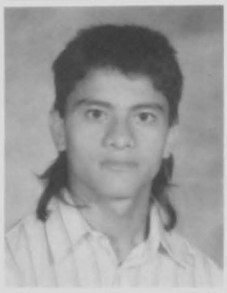
Monique Gurley

Lorraine Hahn



Dallas Heil

Molly Henneberg

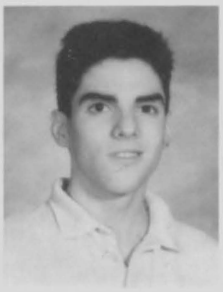


Juan Hernandez

Deidre Hoetmer

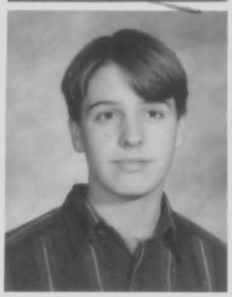
Tracie Holcombe

Elizabeth Honesty

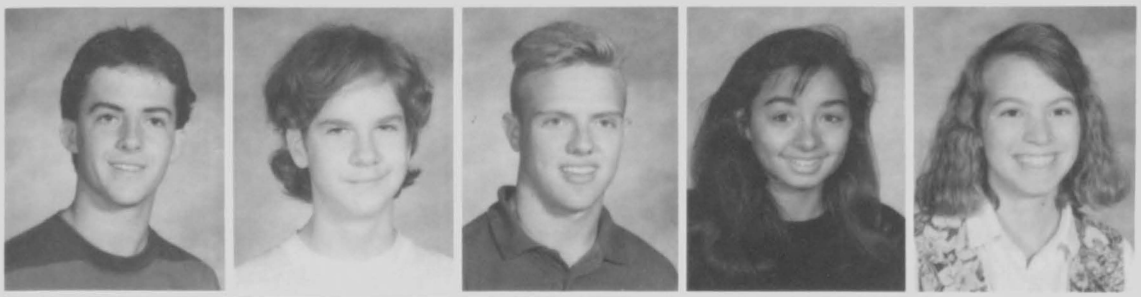


James Hooper

Andrew Hunt



Adam Kallio



David Kelley
Michael Lake
Josh Leachman
Basia Leclere
Sarah Letts

Travis Lincoln
Ari Losman
Rayne Magee
Rebecca Malakooti
Elizabeth Martin

Richard Martin
Barbara McNeill
Lisa Menendez
Bethany Morde
Carolina Naupari

A stress reliever. Jessica Fowle massages Ari Losman's head in the auditorium during Picture Day.

Anything But That!

"A fun time after school is waiting until 7 p.m. to do my homework," said Alyssa Wilson. As far as the juniors were concerned, there was no reason to "do today what they could do much later." Call it a disease or major phobia. It was a classic case of PROCRASTINATION. They had been inflicted with it for years, but this was the worst year by far.

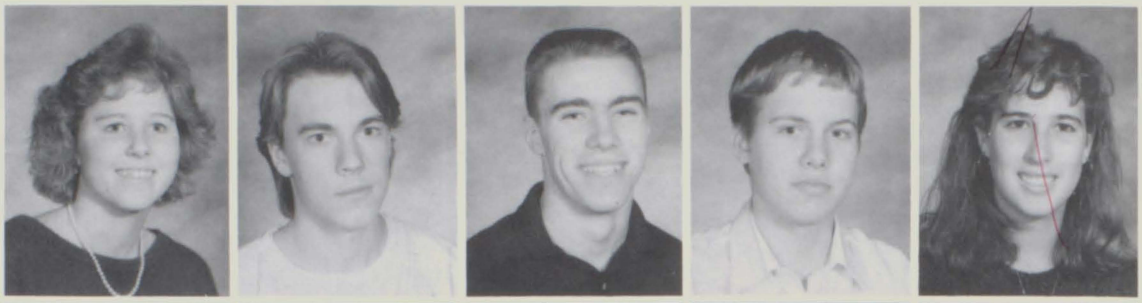
It was true that the junior year was the most challenging and overwhelming of the three spent in high school, but juniors were too honest to do a lot of rationalizing. According to Debbie Cory, a star procrastinator, "It just happens." You just didn't get around to completing that term paper for Ms. Nolan or that lab report for Mr. Fredenberg. And you felt bad about it.

Eric Reimers liked Open Study the best of all his classes. He said, "It's my favorite because I can sleep." Juniors knew they could utilize their time better, but why? They enjoyed themselves.

Some students tried hard to stay afloat. Harish Rajagopal said, "My idea of a fun time is being up-to-date with everything."

"Live on the edge" became their motto. By doing other things and studying for tests that were three weeks ahead, they could put off doing what needed to be done that day. They found busy work to do, errands to run, lockers to clean out, baskets to shoot, sock drawers to organize. They found just about anything to do but what needed to be completed to ease the pressures of their junior year. They were the clever procrastinators of the school.

Alison Newlove
Juha Paljarvi
John Pitfido
Charles Pittaluga
Christine Ploch



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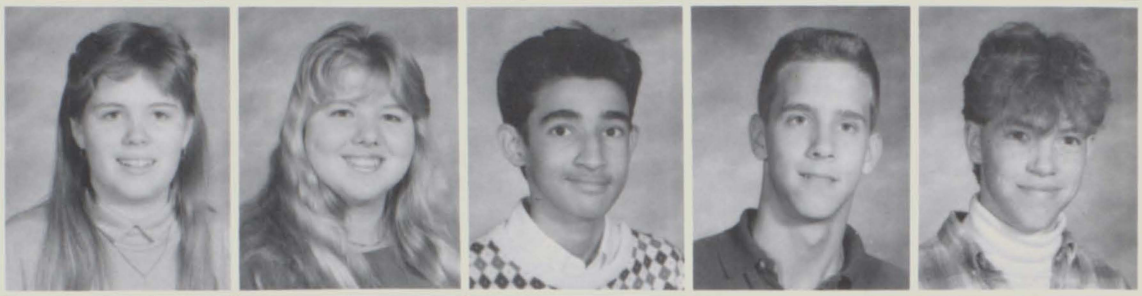
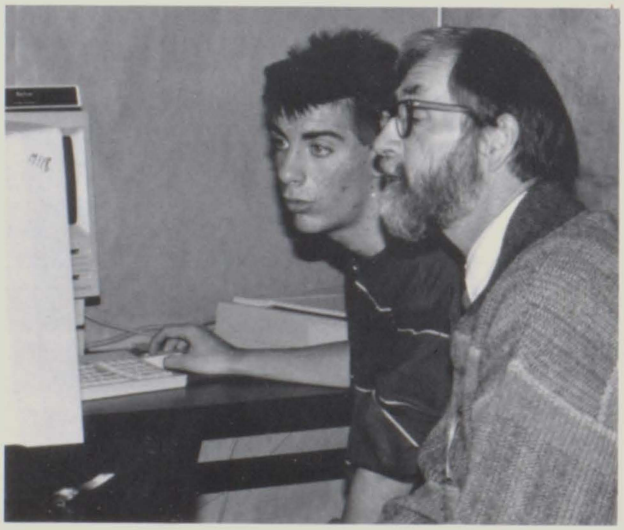
Rosemary Ragusa
Harish Rajagopal
Eric Reimers
Robert Rosholt

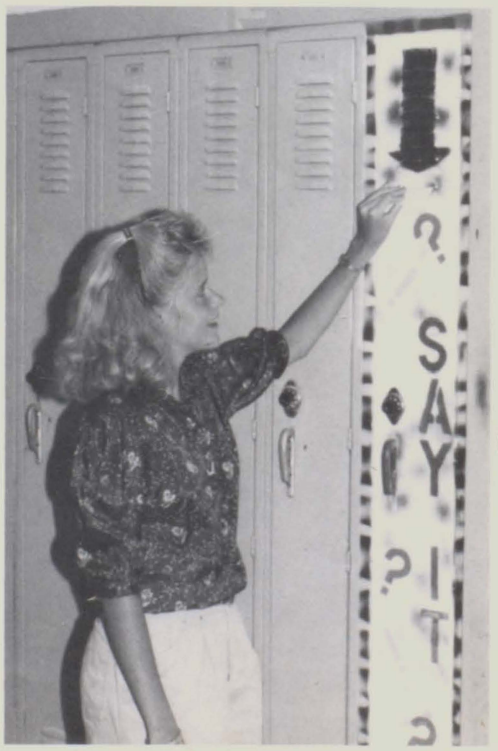


Christopher Scovotto
Allen Scully
Alison Sedei
Gregory Shannon
Craig Sirkin

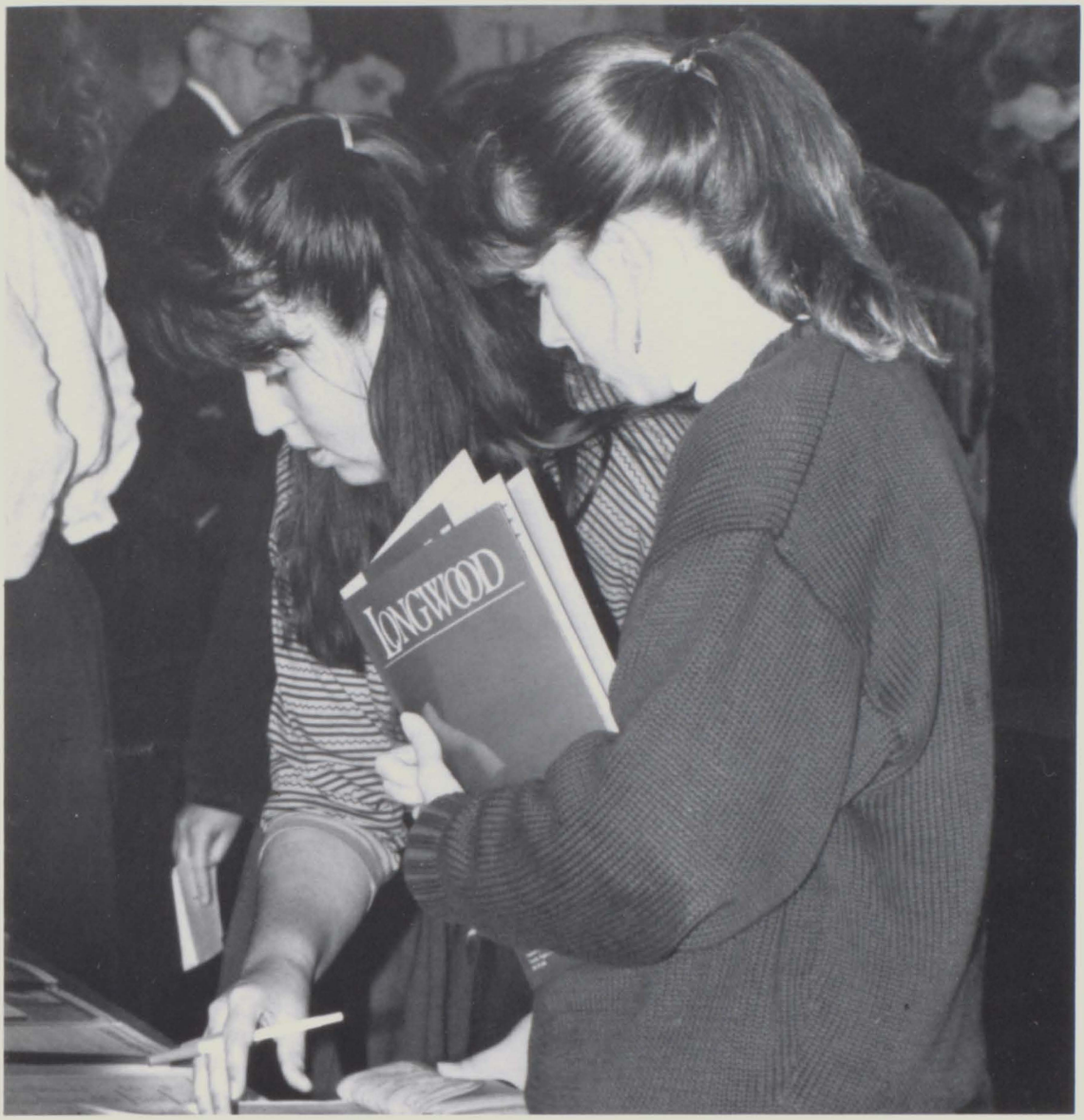
Medena Small
Aaron Spevacek
Susan Stitt
Maria Striefsky
Kunnareath Tauch

With Mr. Alan Graham's help, Dallas Heil works on a computer program.





Stopping at the Student Council's locker, Molly Henneberg drops in a suggestion.



A new member, Kunnareath Tauch lights a candle at the National Honor Society Inductions.

"The junior year is when things start to count."
-Susan Stitt

"The junior year is really tough. It seems as if everything is an uphill battle."
-Thu Do

Planning ahead, Carolina Naupari and Elizabeth Martin gather college materials at College Day in October.

Careful observers, chemistry students Andy Hunt and Sven Gronlie perform a sodium pentahydrate experiment in Mr. Mark Fredenburg's class.

On Your Minds

Junior Class concerns:
1. Getting S.A.T. scores up.
2. Getting high grades in order to be accepted at choice colleges.
3. Surviving the workload.
4. Not failing anything.
5. Graduating with a respectable G.P.A.

Concerns For the 1990's:
1. Environmental deterioration
2. Abortion
3. Alcohol abuse
4. Drug-related crimes
5. Aids
6. High-paying jobs

Warming up, Lisa Menendez kicks around the soccer ball.

"A fun time? Soccer practice!" -Andrew Burk

Against St. John's, J.V. soccer players, Andrew Burk and Juan Hernandez, run with the ball.

"When I look back, I'll always remember the parties, sports and people in that order!" -Allen Scully

Running fast, Cindy Wilson prepares to pass in a cross country meet. Senior Alison Yates runs next to her.

Juniors - On The Go!

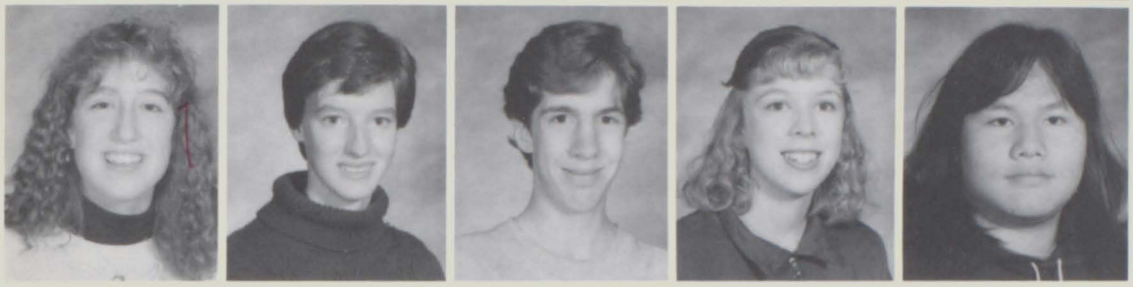
"Often the sport gets first priority," said junior Mitch Falter. Juniors represented their class in every Mason sport this year. It was a familiar routine for them: a hard day at school, then a long and grueling afternoon practice. And after that the inevitable scourge of homework. Sleep became a luxury instead of a necessity. A different approach to practice, however, was "the breakfast club's" answer to shooting baskets at 6:30 a.m. Boys' varsity basketball players got up at the crack of dawn and crawled to school to practice.

So why did they do it? Were they masochists at heart? Zach Falter, varsity football player, explained, "Playing a sport is well worth the time it takes. Doing your best and seeing your team win is a great feeling."

Juniors had it rough enough without committing themselves to sports, but the conflict was easily resolved by most players. Allen Scully said, "I almost didn't do a sport this year, but I figured it would be worth the work. I was right." Still the pressure was often difficult to handle well. Junior soccer player Lisa Menendez said, "A couple of times I had to stay up well past midnight just to finish homework after practice." The juggling of all their responsibilities became a delicate task. In the end most juniors agreed that the sacrifices made were worth it.

On defense, Sasha Day blocks out the opponent (Strasburg) so she can get the rebound.

Tri Thai
Christopher Turner
Pilar Viccellio
Rubens Villamizar
Sheryl Whitaker



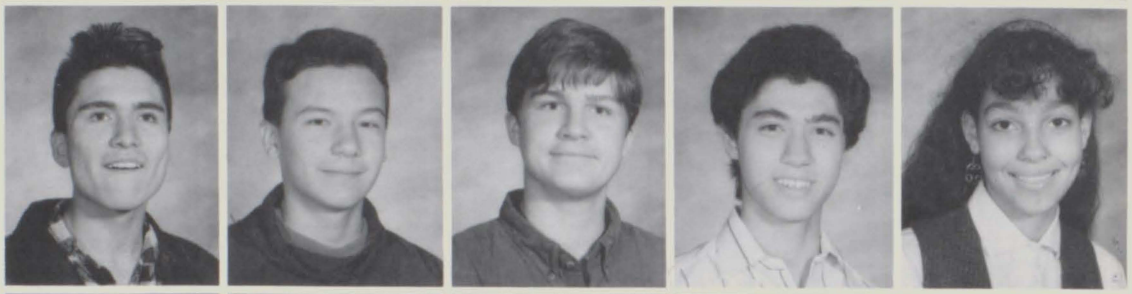
Alyssa Wilson
Cindy Wilson
John Worrall
Elizabeth Wright
John Wu

On defense, Mustangs make the tackle against Brentsville at the Homecoming Game on October 7. (Zach Falter, right guard #65, aids in the tackle.) The Mustangs won, 48-19.

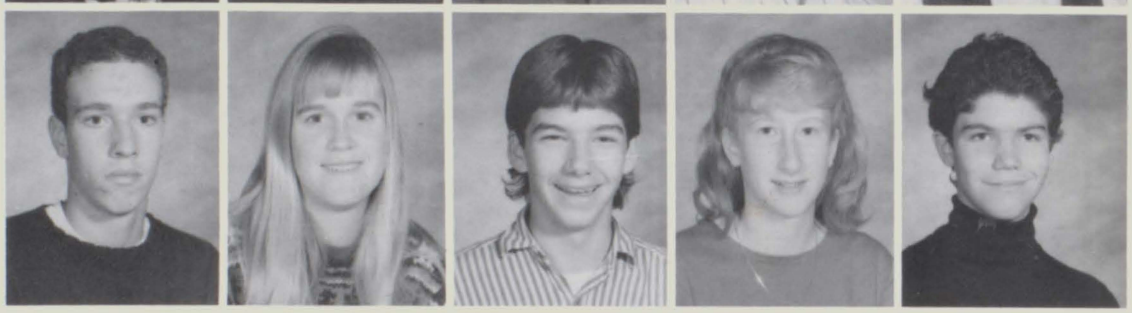
Opeyemi Adamolekun
Adriana Anderson
Laura Bain
Natanya Barrow
John Blackwell

Steven Bowling
Cristin Brew
Jane Brock
Sherrell Brown
Blair Cameron

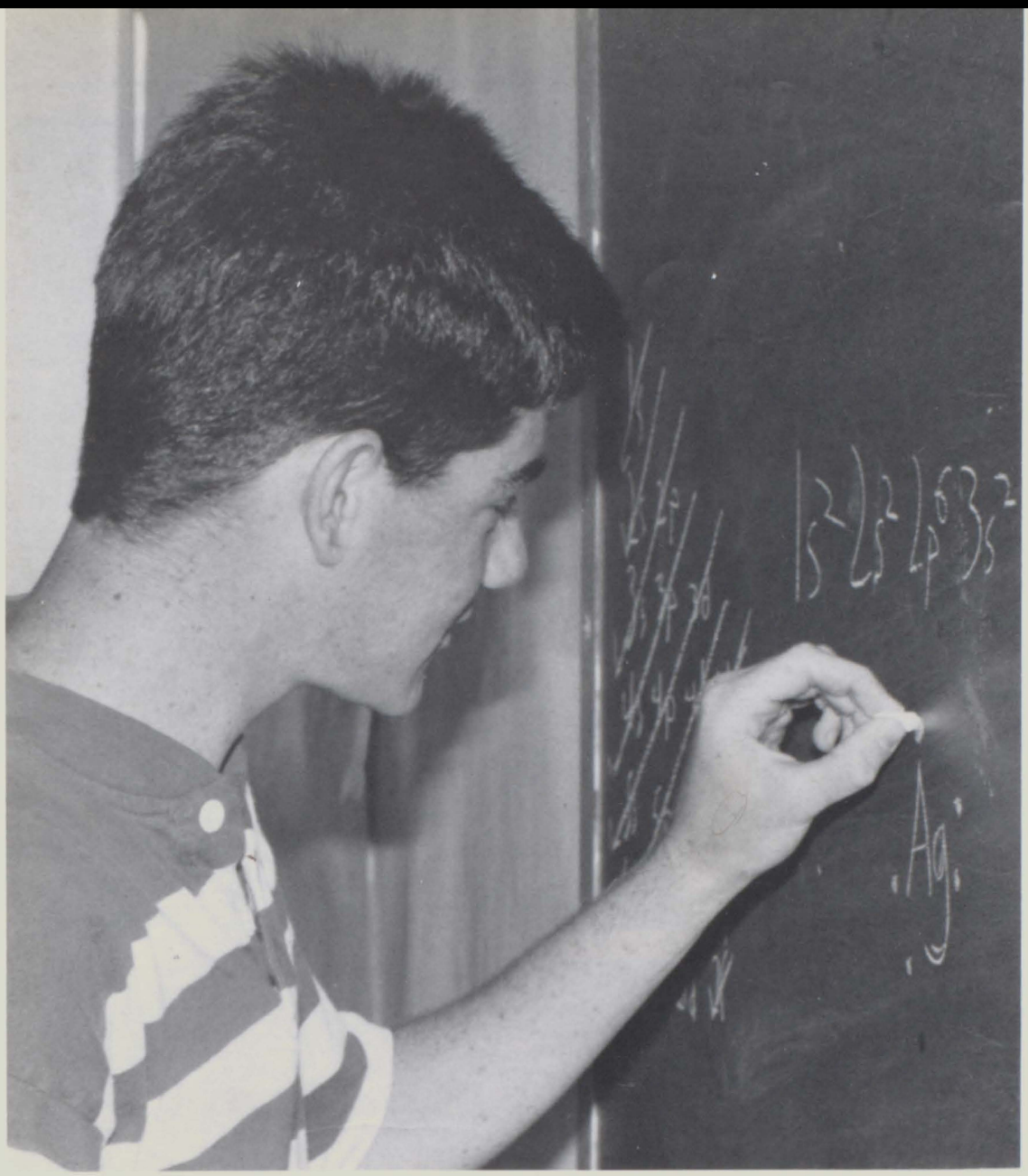
Oscar Cardenas
Andre Carley
Keith Casner
Anthony Cincotta
Stacy Dewalt



Eric Fellman
Kate Fletcher
John Genovese
Katherine Gray
Joseph Gross



Stress-free smiles. Deepa Menon helps show off John Yates "old-lady's scarf look" worn on Senior Hat Day during Spirit Week.



Goofing off, Pat Thomas tells a joke at the Homecoming Dance.

"It's our future we're worried about." -Natanya Barrow

"Stress? What stress? What a laugh!" -Deepa Menon

Brainy stuff. Dan Salsbury works on an electronic configuration between 5A and B English periods.

Teamwork. Sarah Robinson and Julie Kanzler record observations during a chemistry lab.

Stressed Out

"I'm losing it fast! I can't hold on any longer. I have two tests next week, a term paper, play rehearsals and a basketball game."

This was a typical sophomore cry for help. The two words "stress" and "sophomore" seemed to go together this year. The fun of the freshman year was over, and reality had set in.

What to do? Commit suicide? No. Things weren't that bad. In fact, some sophomores handled life's crises better than others. A laid-back student, John Blackwell, said, "There's no point in being stressed. It just hurts you in the end." John Genovese said, "You just can't think about all you have to do."

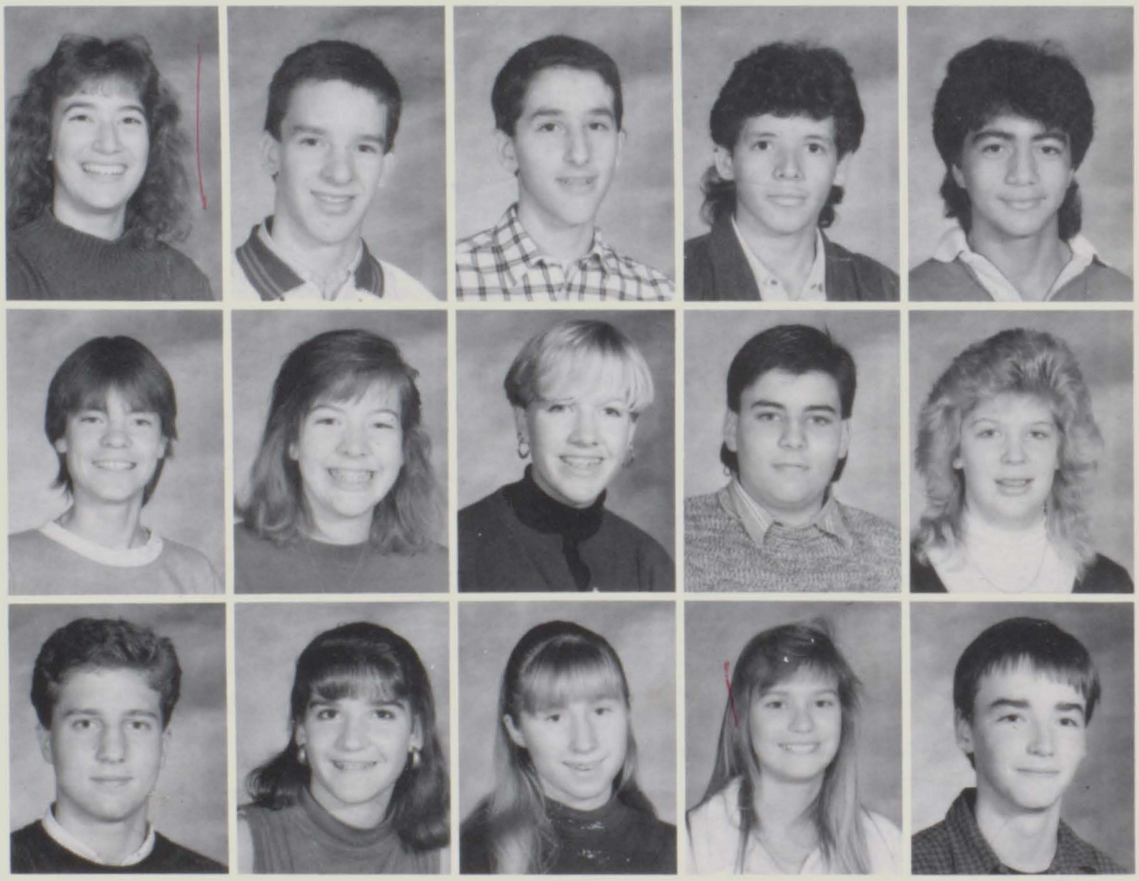
The classes were definitely harder. Expectations were greater. Matt Kern said, "I'm just concerned about keeping up with all the stuff I'm doing." Many sophomores were overcommitted and overextended. The key to avoiding stress was finding a balance. Scarlet Wynns said, "I'm worried about failing." And sophomore sweat broke out at the thought of G.P.A.'s.

But the sophomores survived. The going was rough for many. Mario Salguero said, "This has been a challenging year, but I enjoyed it."

Warming up, Cristin Brew kicks the soccer ball around.

"Being on a sports team is great. You have a real sense of co-operation, especially when you win!"
-Cristin Brew

Gathering around Coach Tom Meier, the football team takes orders. Six sophomores were on the team.



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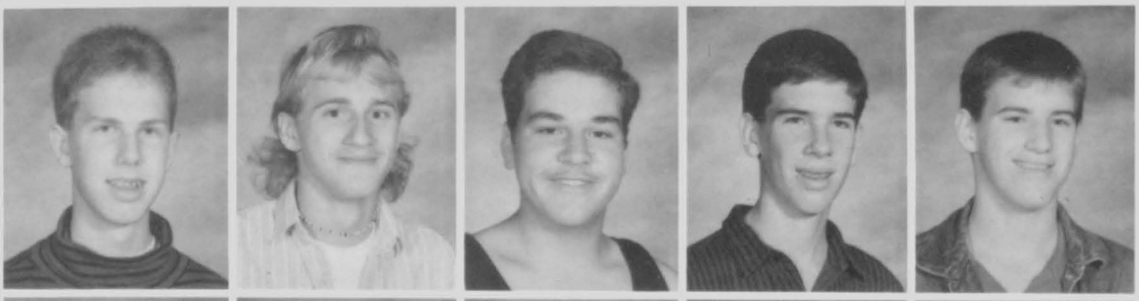

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Darren Lomis
Christopher Madison
Allen McDaniel

Patricia Membreno
Jessica Menendez
Deepa Menon
Peter Murchie
Megan Noyes

Michael Noyes
Afolabi Ojumu
Julie Perez
Rachel Phelps
Rosa Portillo

Yelling out, varsity cheerleader Emily Hall leads a cheer for the crowd at the homecoming pep rally held on Friday night before the Saturday game.

Driven To Win

"Fifty percent of the sophomores did what?"

"They participated in sports!"

"Astounding. That means almost forty sophomores made it through the school day, looking forward to their afterschool practice sessions and games."

Fall, winter and spring sports, programs were well represented by the Class of 1992. Many were veterans of a sport, but many were newcomers to this world. They had been bitten by the sports bug. And G.M. had a phenonmenal year in sports, thanks to a lot of dedicated sophomores. "We set a goal for ourselves to make it to state playoffs, and student were skeptical at first. But we proved them wrong," said Brian Sullivan, football player.

The girls' soccer team had a record breaking season with only two losses. Teamplayer Stephanie Jones said, "You can't just have talent. Any team member will tell you everyone puts out one hundred percent!"

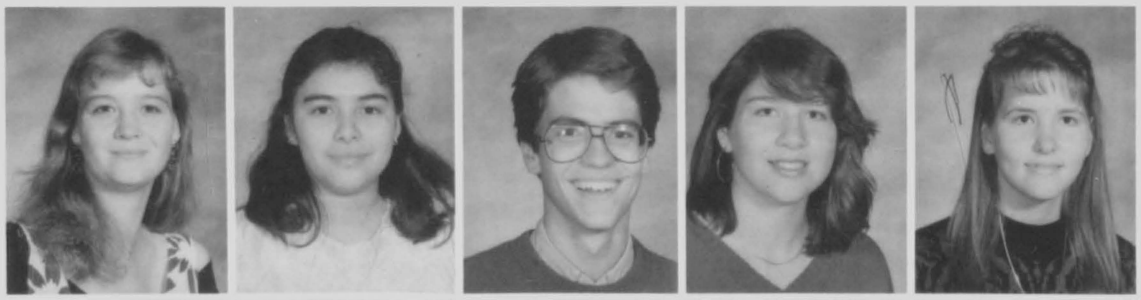
Sophomores had a demanding year without being involved in sports. For those students who committed themselves to playing on teams, they often practiced two or three hours after school every day during the season. According to Andrew Carley, a baseball player, "You practice and you practice. You just get out there and try to win." Especially during winter it was tough going. Sarah Robinson said, "My main concern is not getting home until after dark every single day."Teamplayers had homework to face once they got home. If they were lucky, they worked in some sleep before the next day began and another practice session or another game started.

The rewards were great for those students who chose to be part of a team. When asked what his idea of a fun time was, Dan Salbury, a basketball player said, "team practice." That said it all.

Reaching up high, Christine Walsh decorates the sophomore hallway during Spirit Week.

"The class officers worked very well together." -John Yates

Taking it outside, class officers discuss upcoming events. *From left,* Chris Walsh (Pres.); Stephanie Jones (Sec.); Reid Hecker (Treas.); Opeyemi Adamolekun (Vice-Pres.).



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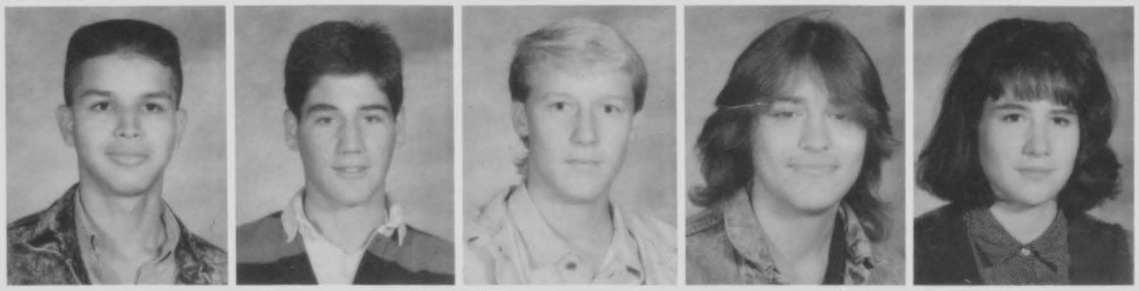
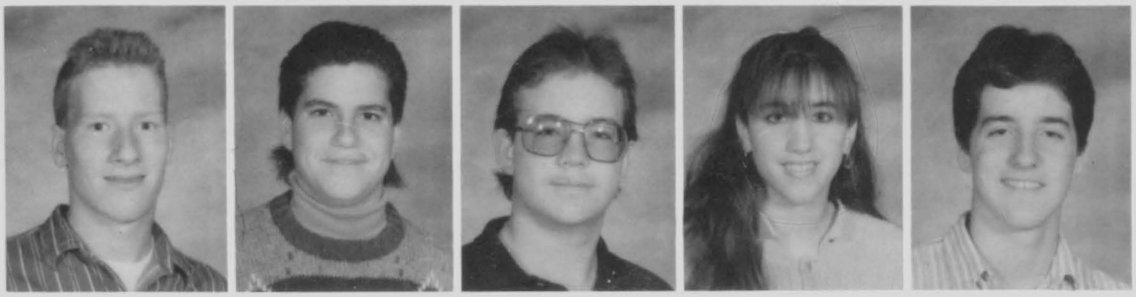
Jason Robertson
Sarah Robinson
Stacy Russ



Mario Salguero
Daniel Salsbury
Philip Senkus
Nicholas Simopoulos
Bridget Singletary



William Singletary
Ryan Smith
Adam Stoffel
Cristina Suarez-Torres
Brian Sullivan

Taking a break, Coach Howard Herman reviews strategies with varsity basketball players Jessica Menendez and Kate Fletcher.

Making It Count

Pulling seventy-seven students together as a class was no easy task, but by mid-September the Class of 1992 was a unified one. Sophomores returned to school after summer, and they began to talk "goals" immediately. The class officers were committed to doing their job well. "Our main goal was to accomplish more than the previous classes," said Debbie Hughes, Student Council Class Representative.

A major goal of the officers was to get more sophomores involved in all school activities. Since each officer was in both clubs and sports, they were very visible. They knew how to go up to uninvolved students and encourage them to "sign up."

Stephanie Jones, Class Secretary, said, "We tried to have more class meetings that actually brought the students into the decision-making process of the Student Council."

For the officers the highlights of the year were organizing the Freshman-Sophomore Dance, setting up the Student Information Bulletinboard in the main hall, going on the Overlook Retreat in October, and sponsoring the Marathon Benefit Dance in the spring. John Yates said, "The relationships I have started will continue as long as I live."

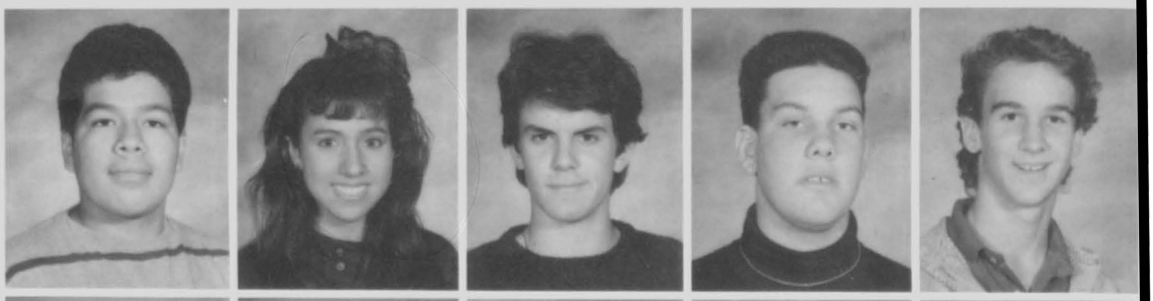
Two heads are better than one. Student Council representatives John Yates and Debbie Hughes help choose yearbook pictures for the sophomore pages.

Rappin' on stage, Keith Casner and Afolabi Ojumu sing "Parents Just Don't Understand" in the Jr. Class Variety Show (Act II).

Andrew Swift
Michael Tarr
Duong Thai
Patrick Thomas
Marquis Tinner

Hoang Tran
Patty Trippett
Christine Walsh
Scarlet Wynns
John Yates

Enio Aguilar
Shirley Aponte
Shawn Askin
Troy Austin
Paul Bailey



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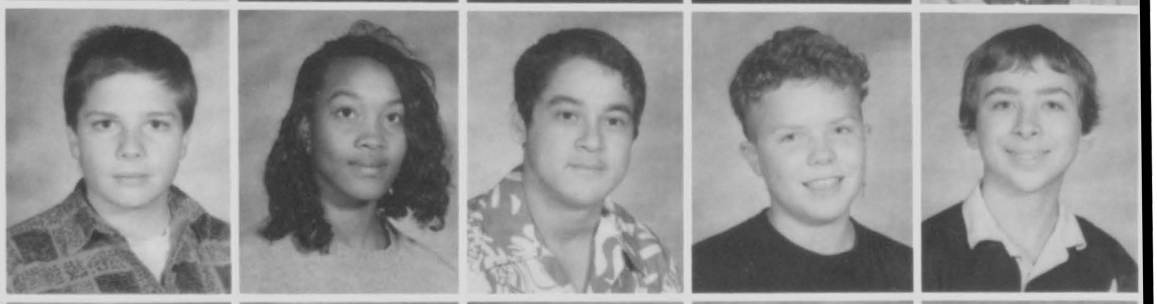
Levy Benitez
Shawn Berry
Robin Boldt



Kathleen Brill
Margaret Bryant
Deniz Callahan
James Carson
Brian Chong

Carrying The Ball

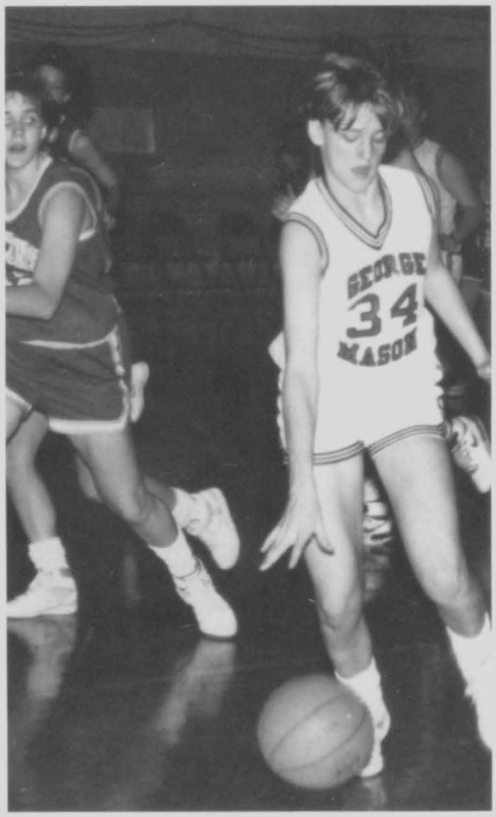
"It seems like you get more respect," said freshman Paul Finley. Jumping from eighth grade (middle school) to ninth grade (high school) meant a lot of different things to this year's freshmen. "High school is much better with much more freedom," said Josh Jarrett. Many ninth graders eased their way into a new experience and had to be given credit for "carrying the ball" this year.

Freshmen represented all sports from fall to spring. Those who played sports last year as eighth graders felt they had a definite advantage over their peers new to the game. "Working as an eighth grader on the J.V. basketball team helped improve my skills because I worked with older players. It was a challenge to improve," said Chris Rosholt.

Probably the greatest result of playing on a high school sports team was feeling independent. David Douglass said, "I feel it was a good experience for me to participate last year as the only eighth grader in cross-country and J.V. basketball because I was independent from my friends and did not let their opinions shape mine." Older athletes helped them improve by demonstrating skills and motivating them. Once they signed up for a high school team, they felt confident.

Anxiety attacks were common among freshmen during the summer. They were nervous about all the changes and added responsibility once they set foot in the high school. Freshmen athletes had severe attacks. Enio Aguilar said, "I was pretty anxious all summer, but I just couldn't wait for the football season."

Matt Quinn was the scorekeeper at home games and bookkeeper for away games. He learned to use an electronic scorekeeper and was paid as Mr. Gambill's assistant. He saw a lot of action on the field and court during the year. As a representative freshman, he said, "For a small school we have a great sports program."



Moving fast, Chrissy Rosholt (Varsity, #34), goes for a lay-up.

Chasing the defender, Luis Ventura tries to get the ball.

"I feel good being a freshman, starting varsity football this year." -Troy Austin

After a winning homecoming game, Justin Hruneni, Troy Austin, and Lance Guckenberger ring the bell on their way off the field.

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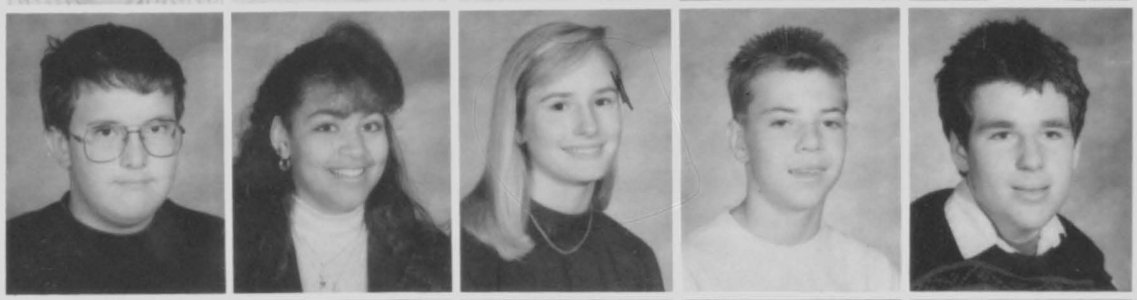
Genevieve Conaty
Elizabeth Cory
David Douglass
Tamara Droujinsky



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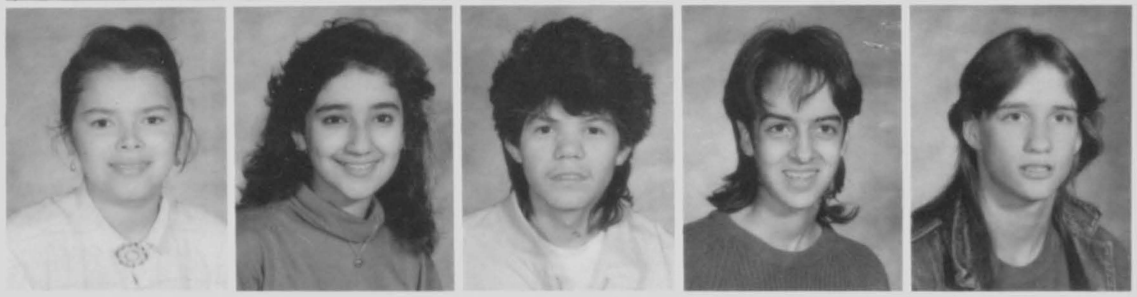
Paul Finley
Brian Flaherty



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Jose Gomez
Amy Isabell Gons
Frankie Good

Lance Guckenberger
Anuradha Gupta
Maxime Gustave

David Hartogs
Richard Hartogs
Gavin Hecker

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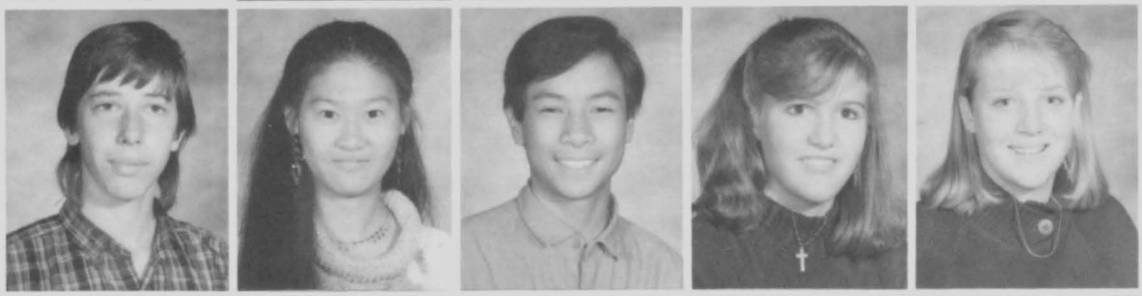

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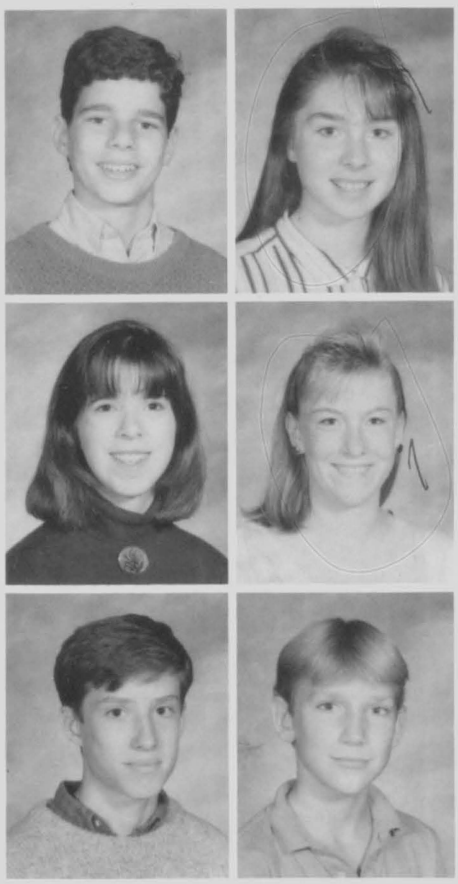
Elizabeth Kulman
Eugenia Leachman
David Lefcowitz
Susannah Lehman
Marcia Longo

Janna Lukomski
Malini Manickavasagam
Sandra Martin
Elsy Natalya Martinez
Joshua McCall
Ian David McCommons
George McNeill

Celebrating Halloween, Trevor Krainik shows off his monster head stuffed inside his shirt.

"There is too much stress on being mature." -Vicky Hughes

Dressed to kill, freshmen arrive in groups early at the Homecoming Dance. David Lefcowitz, Kristen Jackson, Amanda Riedel, and Ami Strutin-Belinoff purchase tickets at the door.



Personality Plus

"Hey, I'm different!" each freshman yelled. 104 freshmen stepped through George Mason's doors on Tuesday, September 5, to fill the freshman section of the auditorium. 104 unique, distinct individuals making a statement about themselves.

They represented many different types of people. For example, there was the saintly kind like Scott Barker, who humbly stated, "I'm an angel." And there was the fun-loving kind. Take Liz Sikkar who boasted, "I'm wild!" Altagracia Espinal said, "I'm a fun person to hang out with, but I'm responsible, caring and nice."

Freshman invaders from middle school. Since most of them were George Mason students before, they knew their way around, and everyone felt their presence. For sure they heard them!

Was that English they were speaking? Freshmen had their own language. "That's cool, dude." "That's fresh, dude." "Yeh, dude, cool beans!" What were they saying? Did anyone know? Well, freshmen certainly did. At least the quick response was, "Awesome, man, it's kickin'." Even sophomores sensed a generation gap in the hallways.

According to Natalie Martinez, the difference between eighth and ninth grades was that "You get in trouble more." Freshmen had more than their share of time-out slips, in-school suspensions, out-of-school suspensions, detentions, failing grades, and contracts between student and teacher. Many freshmen just couldn't stand all the added pressure and responsibilities of being a high school student. They had to "act out" sometimes, true. They described their own class as, "rowdy, funny, creative, strange, amusing, friendly, loud party-animals." That was quite a reputation to uphold during the school year, but they did it. The spirit index was high all year long.

It was David Lefkowitz who summed up the year as a freshman this way: "It was just hunky dorey."

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Marco Mercer
Margaret Muller
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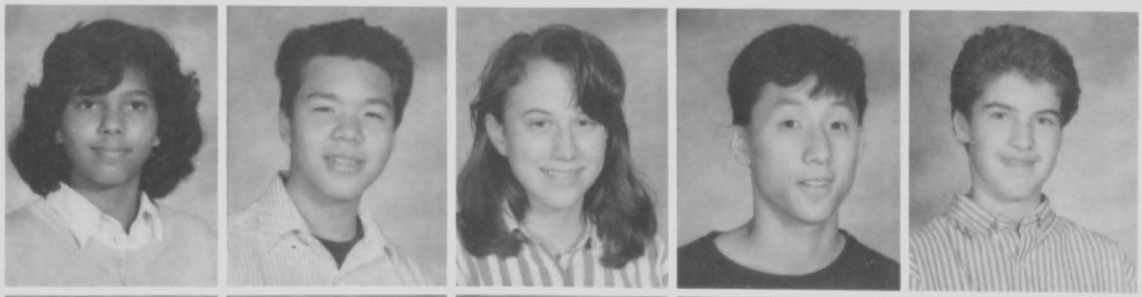
John Phillips



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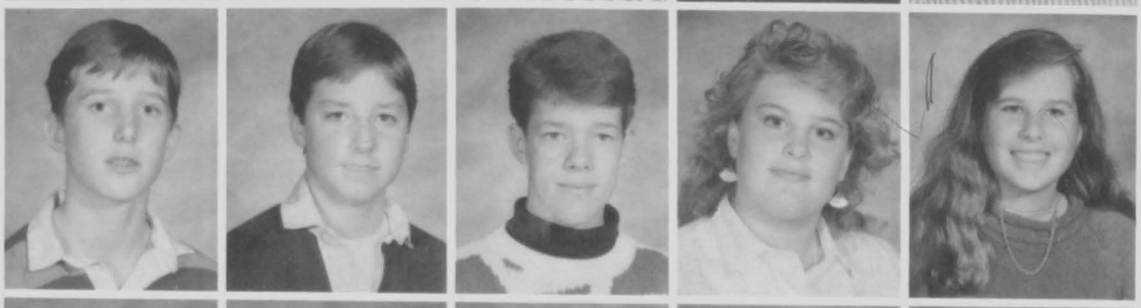

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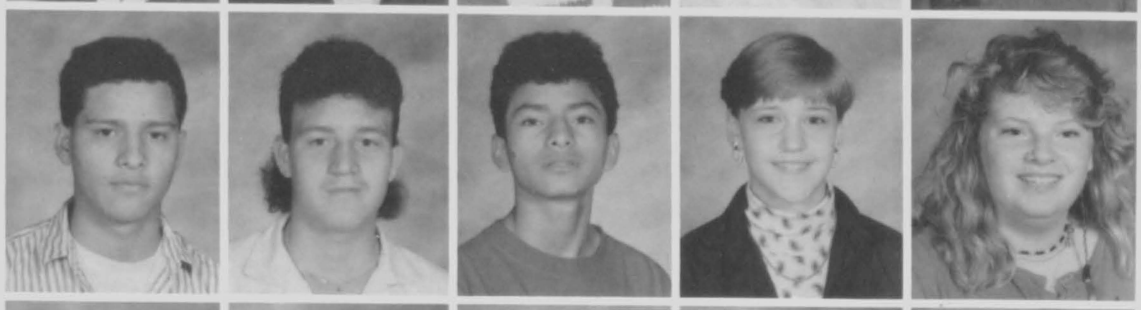

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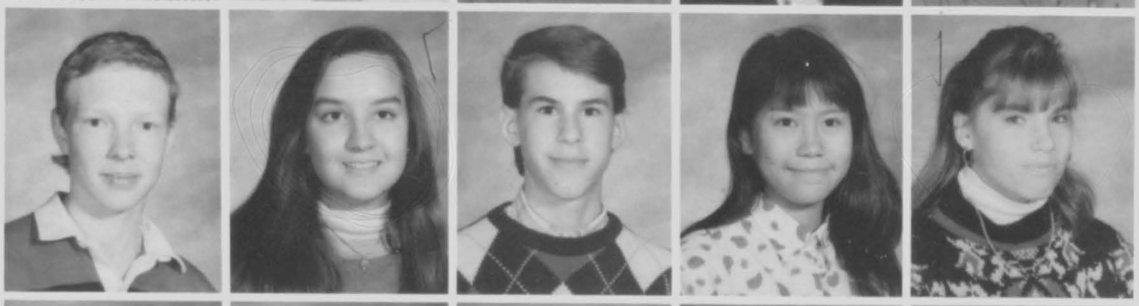

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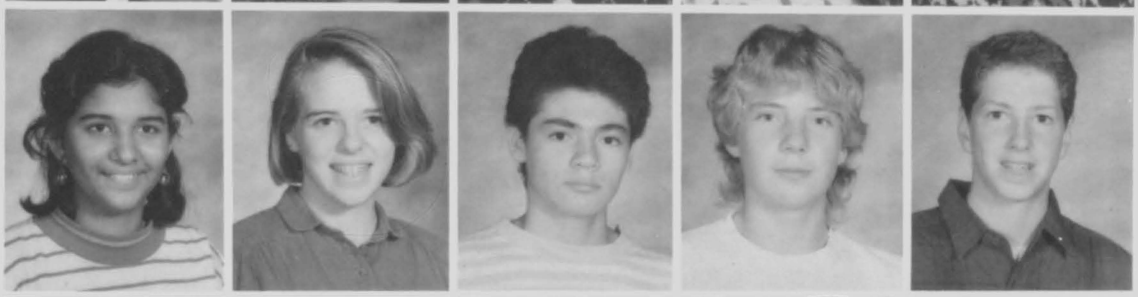

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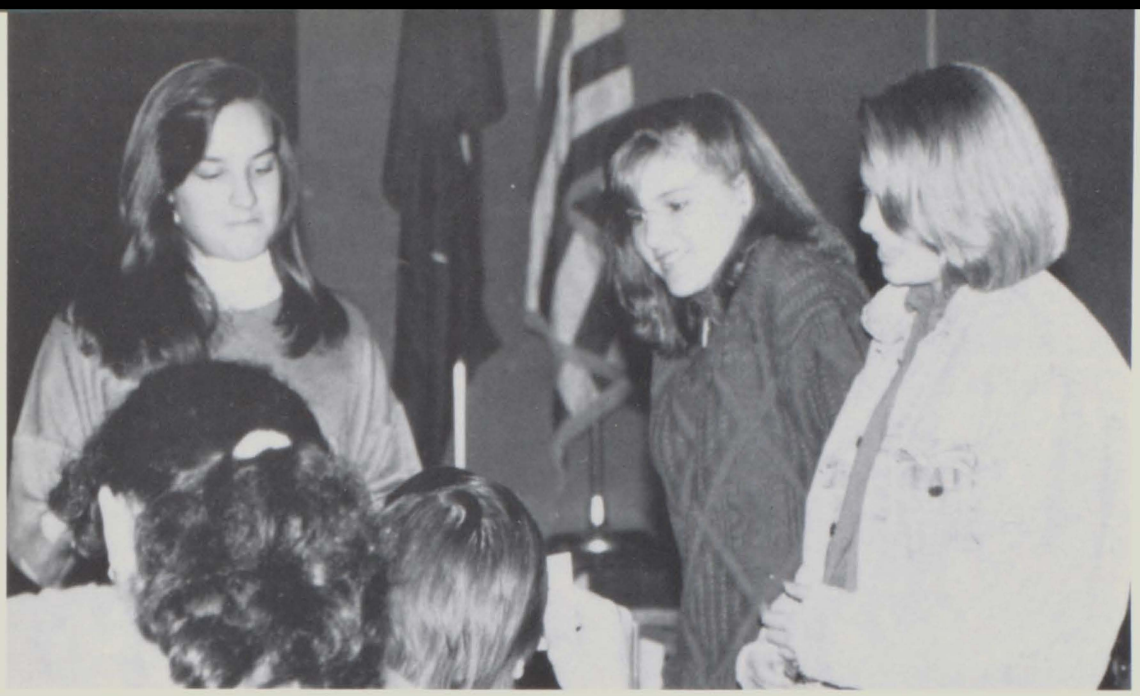
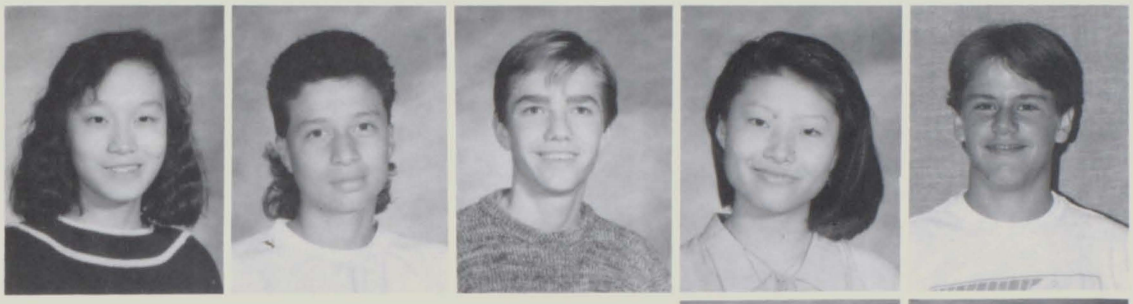


Enjoying some tunes, Shawn Berry waits to be photographed on Picture Day in the auditorium.

Catching up on freshman news, Paula Salguero, Kristen Jackson and Lindsay Smith gossip.



Cynthia Tran
Luis Ventura
Paul Whichard
Annemarie Wilson
Christopher Worrel

Michelle Yoder
Sonya Zepeda

Waiting for the late bus, Debbie Hughes and David Douglass relax outside.

Venting anger on her locker, Shirley Aponte bangs on it, hoping it will open.

Freshman Frustration

"It never opens, and it never closes. And once it's closed, it won't open. And once it's open, it won't close," complained freshman Katherine Temple pitifully. Ninth graders were introduced quickly to the world of frustration. High school lockers became monsters.

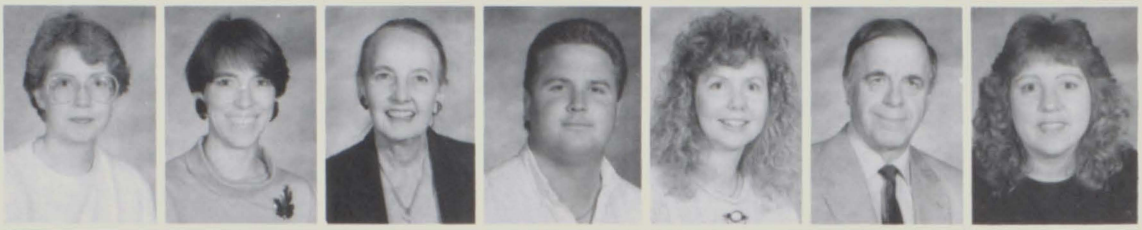
"Once it wouldn't open, so I kicked it so hard I fell," said Dione Herlinger, another locker victim.

But many freshmen did not curse their locker. Not only did it house an incredible amount of good stuff such as stale snacks, lukewarm Big Gulps, and lost homework, it was there they could stop to meet a friend between classes or during break. "A really hot guy slammed my locker shut once," smirked Lindsay Smith. So even though it was a source of frustration for many freshmen, it did have its good points.

"Can I have a pass to my locker?" What an innocent question for the unsuspecting teacher. Locker passes were free tickets to meet a friend, get a drink, pass by classrooms to wave to friends, or just to take a study break. After all, freshmen had to cope with frustration. Life was tough.

Erin Albright (Social Studies)
Marilyn Anderson (Guidance)
Jenna Atkins (Voc., Home Ec.)
Eileen Backofen (Computer Sci.)
John Ballou (Art/Music Coordinator)
Brenda Belote (Physical Education)
Terry Brownfield (Mid. Sch., S.S. 6)

Mary Rita Ciciarelli (Mathematics)
Dorothy Clinton (Secretarial - A.P.)
Carol Cofey (Speech Therapist)
Greg Comer (Security Aide)
Betsy Crowll (Mid. Sch., Eng. 6)
Milton Davis (English)
Theresa Doherty (Span., M.S. Math)



Jackie Droujinsky (Secretarial-Fin.)
Carol Fellman (Secretarial - M.S.)
Mark Fredenbury (Science)
Jack Gambill (P.E. Coordinator)
Alan Graham (Industrial Arts)
Ana Hagler (Foreign Lang. - Span.)
Jack Hamlin (For. Lang. - Span.)

Charles Harold (S.S. Coordinator)
Lida Hawk (Paraprofessional)
Linda Hockenberry (M.S. - Math 6)
Robin Hopes Herrick (Spec. Ed.)
Michael Hoover (Eng. Coordinator)
Linda Johnsen (For. Lang. - French)
Sandra Johnson (Spec. Ed. Coord.)

John Kalepp (Mid. Sch. - Soc. St.)
Vanessa Kozmon (Music)
Al Krueger (Science)
Nora Lebahn (Art)
Joyce Lowry (Bus.-Voc. Coordinator)
Nancy Mattran (Science Coordinator)
Stanley Maughlin (Ind. Arts/Voc.)

Major life decisions. Oscar Cardenas works on his schedule with his counselor, Mr. John Moroney.

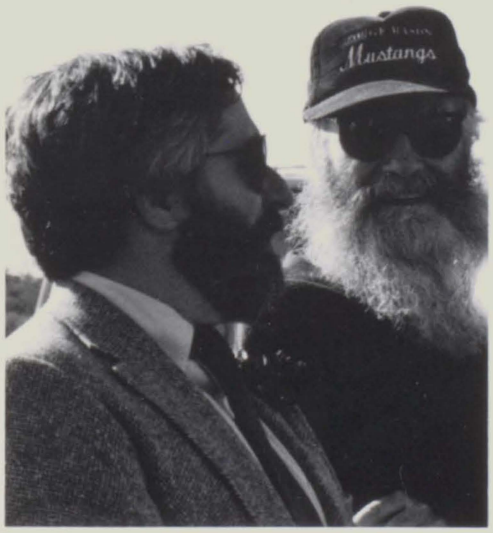
Checking it out, Librarian Maria O'Connell helps Debbie Cory find information about slaves.

At Overlook, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Albright embrace.

"I've got one of the greatest jobs in the world. Everyday is exciting and gives me opportunities to make a significant and positive impact on young people's lives." -Mr. Greg Alexiou

At the keyboard, Ms. Eileen Backofen assists Chris Scovoto as he works on Mr. Davis' English work.

Students Say "Thumbs Up!"



Talking it over, Mr. Greg Alexiou (Asst. Principal) and Dr. George Thoms discuss the results of the Homecoming Game. (Mustangs won, 48-19.)

If you wanted to go to a small school, George Mason was for you. If you wanted special treatment and T.L.C., George Mason was for you. When this year's students were asked, "What are your school's finest features?", the following were some of their responses:

- "The familiarity that all the students and teachers have." (Jane Brock)
- "The great teachers!" (Margaret Muller)
- "The teachers who are very good at teaching and are most helpful." (Kunnareath Tauch)

With a faculty of only sixty teachers, students were able to get to know them well both inside and outside the classroom. Perhaps what made the difference for personable teacher-student relationships was the size. No one was just "an identification number."

Teachers had top priorities with students coming first. For example, Ms. Maria O'Connell, librarian, wanted to bring up the research capabilities of the library, which she saw happen with the purchase of SIRS and the Research Bank.

Standing tall, Mr. Charlie Harold reaches his destination.

What I enjoyed about spending time with the students abroad was getting to know them as people instead of students."
-Mr. Charlie Harold

Showing spirit despite cold weather, teachers play their kazoos at the home football game on October 21.

What Good Sports

The big question was, "Do teachers ever have fun?" What did you think? Of course they did, and this year many of them had good times with the students.

Teachers were involved in numerous activities that took them outside the four walls of their classrooms and gave them the right to be called, "good sports."

During the summer Mr. Charlie Harold packed his bags for a month to go abroad with eleven fun-lovin' juniors to explore Europe together. In the fall Ms. Nanci Blanco toured the Luray Caverns with her earth science students. She said, "It was fun just discovering that something in this world was older than I was." Mr. Al Krueger waded through cold Chesapeake Bay waters with his biology students, searching for slimy specimens.

But a lot of the fun happened at the school. If you were in Mr. Hoover's IB English class, you saw him stand before you with a harpoon in preparation for his *Moby Dick* unit.

You could always count on teachers to participate in Spirit Week. Ms. Brenda Belote couldn't be recognized in her clown outfit. And where did Mr. Michael Filipczyk get that hat he wore? Ms. Terry Brownfield, a first year teacher, dressed in a bathrobe and bunny slippers on Pajama Day and said, "What makes teaching fun is simply being with the kids. They have such insights we can learn from." Each teacher had his own idea of classroom fun. Ms. Theresa Doherty enthusiastically said, "Each day is different. You never know what they kids will look like or say."

On their knees, Ms. Nanci Blanco and Mr. Jim Spiridopoulos role-play as praying parents.

Victim of silly string. Ms. Sharon Still (Band Director) tries to remove the string that her students covered her with during Homecoming.

Can't see a thing. Ms. Sue Graves and Ms. Lindy Hockenberry role-play parents who don't see what's going on with their children.

Tom Meier (Physical Education)
Gail Meighan (English)
John Moroney (Guidance)
Sharon Newcome (Reading)
Gail Nolan (Social Studies)
Maria O'Connell (Library)
Betty Pitera (Secretarial - Media Center)

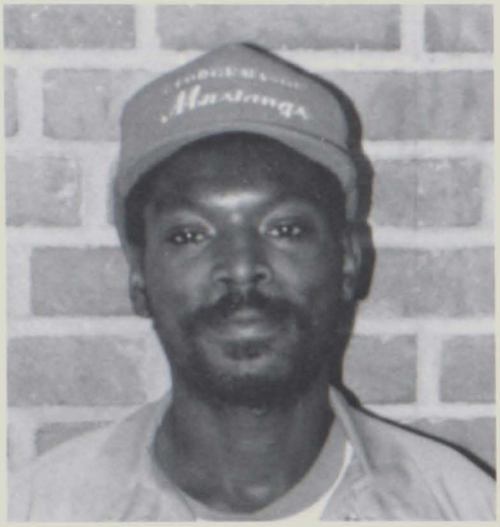
Audrey Polzer (Secretarial)
Tony Price (Alternative Education)
Polly Richmond (Permanent Sub.)
Lynn Rickette (Security Aide)
Barbara Ringgold (Math Coordinator)
Grace Rissetto (ESL Coordinator)
Sally Rosholt (Secretarial - Guid.)

Pat Ryan (Secretarial - Principal)
Georgette Schaefer (Bus./Voc.)
Harry Shovlin (Mid. Sch. - S.S. 6)
Robert Snee (For. Lang. Coordinator)
Marjory Speir (Secretarial - A.P.)
Jim Spiridopoulos (Phys. Educ.)
Tim Sturgeon (Permanent Sub.)

Dr. Joan Tannenbaum (M.S. Principal)
Dr. George Thoms (Bldg. Principal)
Nancy Tucker (English)
Deborah Whaley (Science)
Cay Wiant (Mid. School - English)
Mary Beth Williams (Visiting Tchr.)
Steve Wyatt (G.M.U. Aide, Security)

January, 1990. Mr. Lewis Aylor and Mr. Luther Alexander shovel the sidewalks to prepare for students and staff returning after one of two snow days.

A friendly face. Mr. Billy Toney, night shift maintenance.



A rare free moment. Ms. Judi Jenkins, of day shift maintenance, takes a lunch break.

The Bus Drivers: Front row: Brian Urgarte, (Yolanda Jordan's nephew), Marco Delas Casa. *Back row:* Dorothy Seeley, Bill Warrington (Supervisor), Yolanda Jordan, Donna Jean Bonner, Debbie Boyd Austin, Denise Clemons.

Fixing a leak. Jose Garcia and Tom Banks take a break from working on the ceiling.

The Dining Hall Staff: Row One: Rannette Stancill, Audrey Courtney, Clara Loza (Manager), Angelis Marine. *Back Row:* Kay Coady, Charlotte Byrd, Kay Kennedy (Supervisor), Linda Thuy, Nancy Tran.

Looking good! George Mason High School stands with its immaculately tended grounds on a fall day. The maintenance staff was responsible for both the inside and outside of the school during all seasons.

A True Circle Of Friends

"Hey, Billy, we need a ladder fast!"

"Lewis, please open the auditorium! We need to set up for the show tonight."

"Mrs. Kennedy, could your staff bake a cake for our Valentine's Day lunch?"

Mustangs were lucky to have so many VIP's to turn to in times of need. Where would they have been without these people who maintained the school and helped them accomplish their goals?

Students realized that there was a lot more to their 7:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. school day than attending classes. They had to hit the dining hall for break, for example. And then there was 5A, B or C lunch. There also were functions such as Friday night fund-raiser dances. They would never have gone smoothly without the help and support of the maintenance staff. These were people who were "on call" late into the night and early in the morning at George Mason. They were Mustang friends.

For those Mustangs who needed a lift to school, Mason bus drivers were ready to help out. Students became buddies with these special people who showed up in the worst of weather conditions to get Mustangs to their 7:45 a.m. class. They were loyal and responsible. In fact, they were just the right people to greet students in the morning and say "Have a nice day" to; and they were just the right people to end the day with a smile.

Clas sic *('klas - ik)* n., adj.

1. **A standard of excellence worthy of emulation.** *2.* **G.M. ACADEMICS.**

Learning the basics, senior Bonnie Martin receives instruction from Ms. Joyce Lowry on the Tandy SX1000 in preparation for word processing.

Classic Studies

We were after "the best" in our classrooms. A classic education was what we wanted and what we got. We associated George Mason with a superb education because we learned the basics and went on from there. We learned as previous generations learned. We studied "the greats." Who could forget the ancient Greeks and Romans such as the philosophers Socrates, Plato and Aristotle? We read their works and the myths of classical times. Our courses gave us a strong foundation, but they had spice as well. There were innovative ways of learning so we didn't do "the same old thing" every day. We explored new ways to learn and become familiar with the world. For example, we could take Latin taught via satellite. High tech education was a reality. We realized that becoming educated meant more than just reading and memorizing. It meant experiencing what George Mason had to offer us.

Small group instruction. Mr. Robert Snee (Foreign Language Chairperson) speaks Spanish to his IB students, John Karro and Charles Pittaluga.

Busy at work. Seniors fill out a career questionnaire, distributed by Ms. Marilyn Anderson, Guidance Department Chairperson.

"George Mason has met all my expectations academically. Dedicated teachers and a wide range of courses have made the long four years easier. Now as I move on, I will always remember George Mason as the foundation of my academic career."

- Bonnie Martin

With tender loving care, senior Marie Whipple cradles her flour-sack baby for Child Development class taught by Ms. Jenna Atkins.

Getting it right. Printing students Josh Kingsley (sophomore) and Chris Fetner (senior) work on layout for the Junior Class Quake Shake Dance posters.

With a steady hand, sophomore Rob Hartman works with a compass in Basic Drawing.

Messy work. Mr. Frank Sheedy supervises as his Printing students Jesse Burgess (freshman), Andrew Swift (sophomore), and Joey Iazetta (senior) work on the 360 offset press.

Trying to make a deadline, Mr. Alan Graham sands wood for a Toys-for-Tots gift.

Concentration. Senior Jon Fritsch carefully guides his pencil in Mr. Stan Maughlin's Engineering Drawing class.

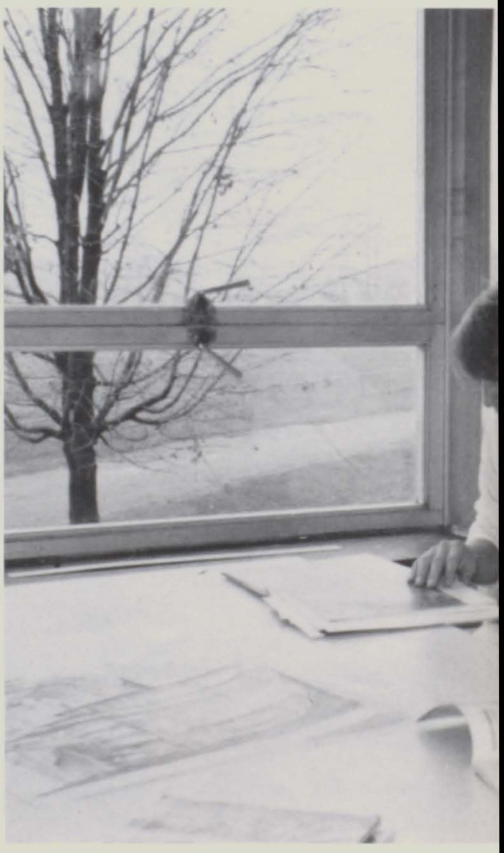
With An Eye On The Future

"It's going to happen," said senior Tanya Spriggs. "I'm taking three business courses so I can get a good job." Business students received practical experience while having fun at the same time in their classes. Ms. Joyce Lowry, Department Coordinator, said, "Some courses are very hard. For example, in Keyboarding students have to learn to type fast as well as learn the software program."

Fifty-one Printing I, II, and III students, taught by Mr. Frank Sheedy, had major responsibilities to operate all equipment and prepare student publications such as the *Lasso* and programs for events in the auditorium. "I enjoy Print Shop because the jobs aren't too demanding, but they're interesting," said sophomore Josh Kingsley. Junior Sean Fair said, "The experience I'm getting will get me into Chowan School."

The Department also offered Child Development taught by Ms. Jenna Atkins. A highlight of their coursework was working closely with preschoolers. Tech Ed courses included Construction, Drawing, Woods, and Graphic Communication taught by Mr. Al Graham and Mr. Stan Maughlin. Thirty students were involved in a variety of classes at the Arlington Career Center this year.

At the Opening Day Assembly, Ms. Still leads woodwind players John Karro and Peggy Muller during a performance by the Band.



Advanced art students, Lans Cameron (senior) and Andrew Hunt (junior) study various art styles in preparation for Mr. John Ballou's projects.

Keeping up with tradition, Band students Jason Doolittle (junior) and (seniors) Jay Worrall and Stephen Worrel perform during half time at the Homecoming Game.

Softening the volume, Ms. Vanessa Kozmon directs the Chorus in formal attire at their performance during the Opening Day Assembly.

"I study the tuba. Band is important to release our taltalents."

Justin Reich

"Art is a time of day for creative freedom. It's really cool."

Andy Hunt

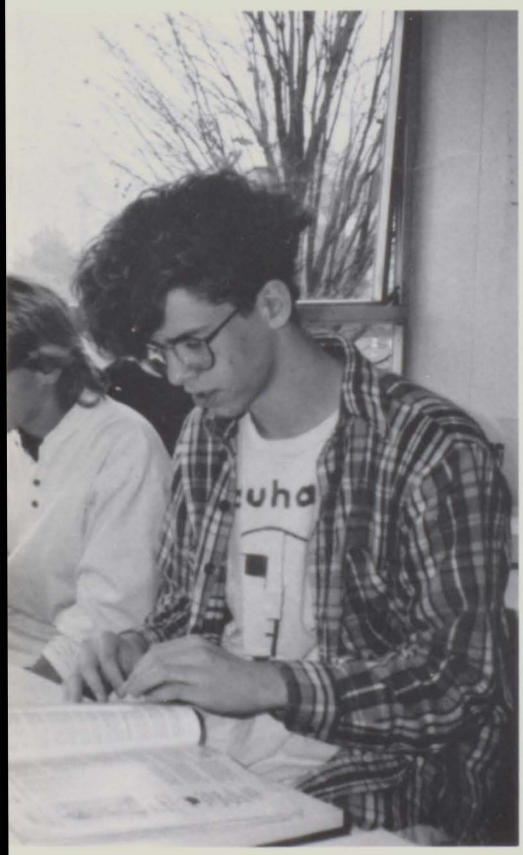
Discovering Hidden Talents

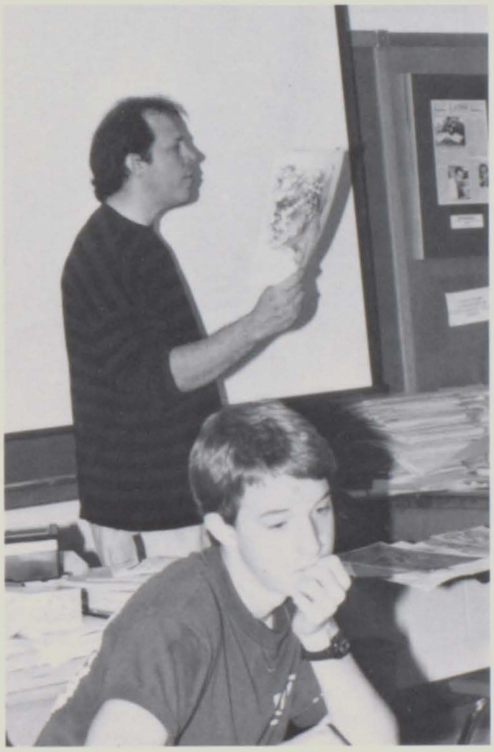
"I can't draw a straight line," were the typical words out of the mouth of a student who believed he had no talent whatsoever for art. Wonderful things happened after signing up for an art class with Mr. John Ballou. In fact, freshman Molly Ruland said, "Art class is one of George Mason's finest features." It became the "favorite class" for students who escaped to the huge, bright space where you could work at your own pace and hear classical music. Cristin Brew said, "Art class allows me to be as creative as I want to be."

The Fine Arts Department also allowed for students to unwind and be creative in a variety of music experiences. Trevor Krainik, freshman, said, "It's important to have music classes so students with talent are able to use it."

For those who loved to belt out a tune there was Senior High Vocal Music. Ms. Vanessa Kozmon taught Chorus which performed throughout the year at G.M. functions. Senior Ericka Lindsay said, "I love to sing. Music classes let us study what we really like to do."

For those who loved to play instruments, Ms. Sharon Still taught Band. Band students also entertained G.M. crowds at home games, assemblies and competitions. A new group, the Jazz Band, was a feather in Ms. Still's cap.

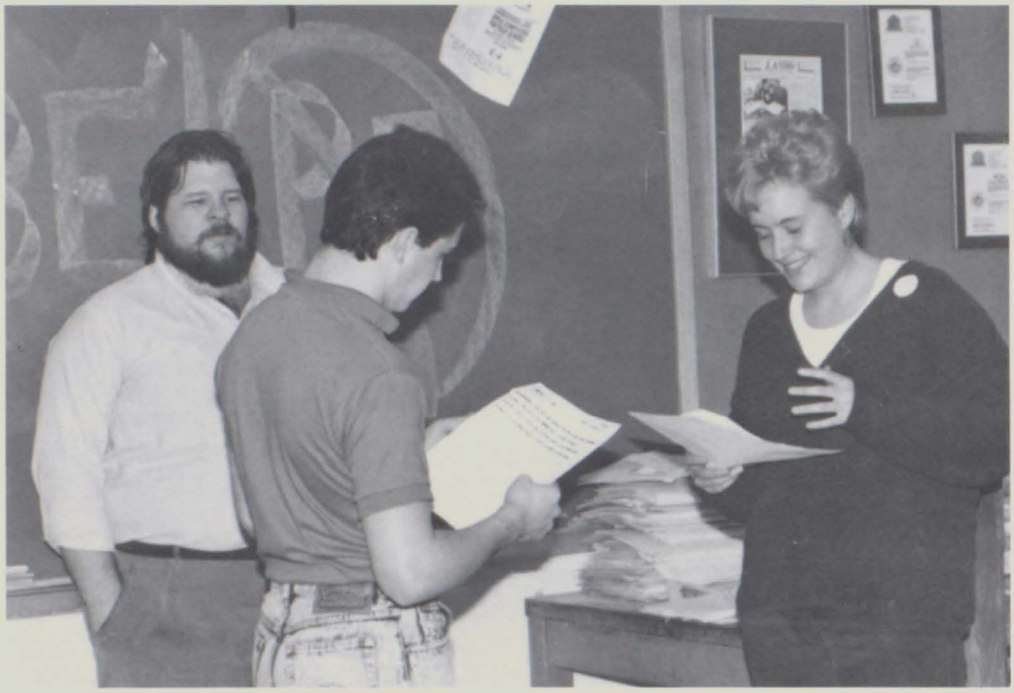


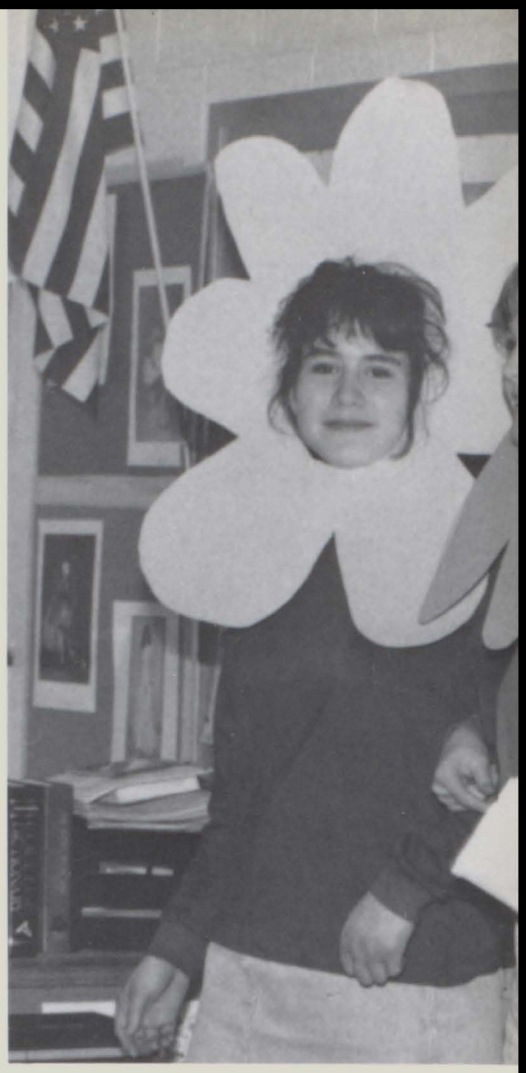


Mixing art with literature, Mr. John Ballou lectures on Renaissance Art to a senior English class. David Quinn looks at some pictures.

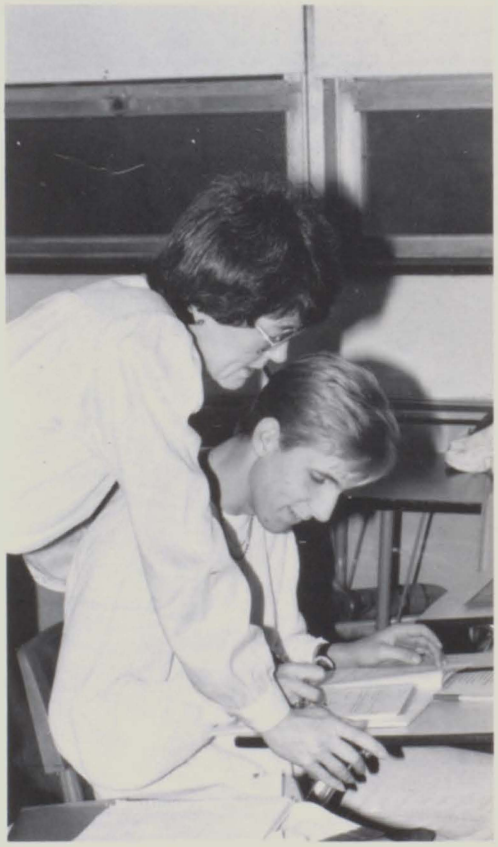
Classroom entertainment. Pre-IB English students Bridget Singletary, Tallison Rausch, Emily Hall and Adam Jarrett dramatize William Wordsworth's "Daffodills" in Ms. Nancy Tucker's class.

Shakespeare without tears. Guest lecturer Jeff Cronin assists seniors Billy Schultes and Stephene Parry as they enunciate Elizabethan English in Mr. Michael Hoover's English class.

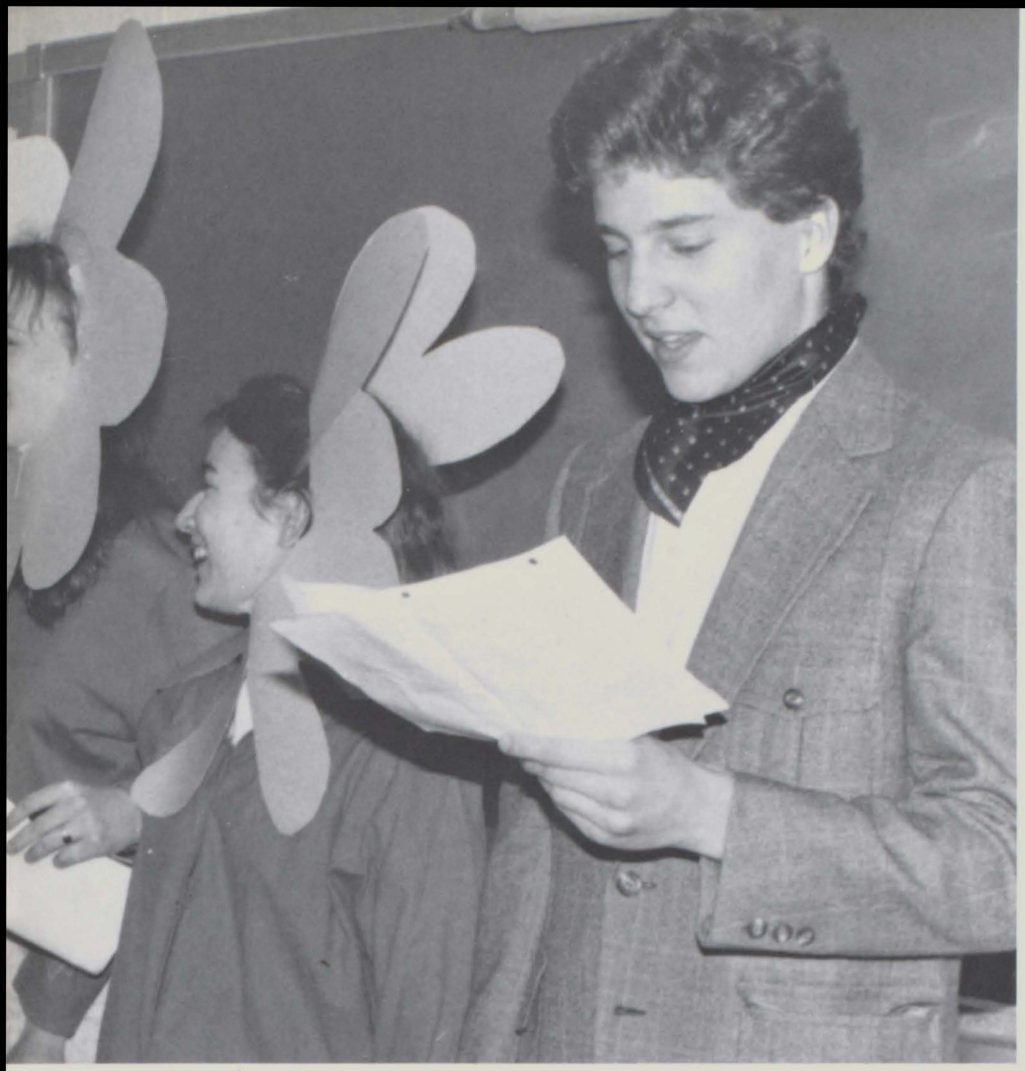




Making sense of the English language. Ms. Grace Rissetto reviews parts of speech with E.S.L. students Tri Thai (junior), Jorge Hernandez (sophomore), and Sara Fuentes (freshman).



Looking over his shoulder, Ms. Sandra Johnson works on English skills with senior Cory Russ.



"English is challenging because I have to learn to express how I feel."
Tracie Holcombe

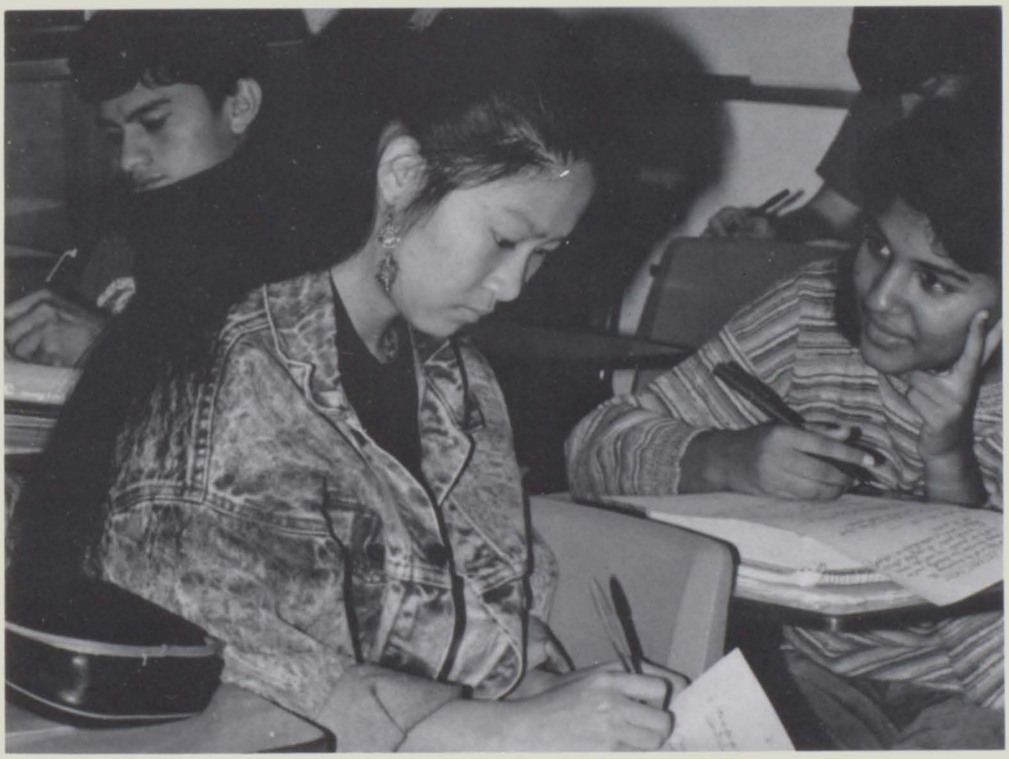
"I like Journalism and English because I enjoy writing."
Matt Kern

Time To Express Yourself

"English is my favorite subject subject. It just works for me," said sophomore Emily Hall, a student in Ms. Nancy Tucker's Pre IB English class. For many students reading difficult literature and writing papers were easy if not fun assignments. English class was generally entertaining. "English is my favorite subject. We always have lively discussions that are amusing," said Mr. Michael Hoover's Senior IB student Allison Yates.

Class sizes were small enough for teachers to give extra help to those students who struggled to write essays. To write a five-hundred word essay was a nightmare to students who wanted to count every "a," "and," and "the." "What I will remember about English classes is the constant writing," said junior Alyssa Wilson, Ms. Gail Meighan's IB student.

The English Department provided students with opportunities to be creative and dramatic. Juha Paljarvi, a junior, said, "I like the artistic freedom in English which is almost obsolete in other classes." In Journalism students produced the award-winning newspaper, *Lasso.* "Journalism is my favorite subject. I like taking pictures and seeing my work published," said junior Craig Sirkin.



Working as partners, freshmen Ut Huynh and Ruchika Singh complete a questionnaire in English 9.

Making a presentation, junior Pilar Viccellio illustrates the evolution of the skull in Anthropology, taught by Ms. Gail Nolan.

No mercy shown. Craig Sirkin puts his foot down and traps Norma Henriquez and Robbie Rosholt in the stocks at Colonial Williamsburg. U.S. History and Government students spent December 14 there, learning about eighteenth century lifestyles and political systems. Ms. Gail Nolan was in charge.

Small group work. U.S. Government students Jennifer Preston and Aleta Hoover (seniors) show their public opinion project to Ms. Erin Albright.

"It's important to study history so we don't make the same mistakes twice."
John Phillips

"Anthropology is an exciting way to explore different cultures and put together the pieces of our past."
Pilar Viccellio

A Trip Back To The Future

"History is a passion with me," said Ms. Gail Nolan, who taught U.S. History and Anthropology as well as Sociology and Psychology. Social Studies teachers wanted to share their interest in the past with students. To them it was fascinating to look back on what used to be and trace what happened to create the present.

"I like World Cultures class," said Marcia Longo, "because it teaches me a lot about the old days." History was an escape to the past, a fun trip.

George Mason's location in Northern Virginia made field trips to places rich in history a snap. D.C. was a quick trip down 66, and Colonial Williamsburg, Richmond and famous battlesites were a few hours away. History came alive.

Some classes, however, focused on the present times and how they would affect the future. "I like Political Studies because I like knowing what's going on in the world today," said Erica Persson. Aleta Hoover said, "Ms. Albright's Government class provides an interesting outlook on the world and politics."

Psychology and Sociology were popular electives. Class enrollments were small, so students could study coursework in depth. "I feel as if I'm in the limelight," said Harish Rajagopal, an anthropology student.

Searching for answers, senior George Stergiou completes classwork in his government class.

At the podium, Mr. Lou Sorrentino lectures on foreign policy in his U.S. Government class.

Lab partners, A.T. Altagracia, Andrea Batiste and Empiratriz Hernandez (freshmen) conduct an experiment to grow crystals in Ms. Nanci Blanco's Earth Science class.

Intense work. Mr. Mark Fredenburg supervises chemistry students Reid Hecker, Jason Robertson (sophomores) and Greg Shannon (junior) as they determine melting points.

Taking it all in. Seniors David Quinn and Pat Casey prepare to take notes during a lecture in Ms. Deborah Whaley's Physics class.

On her own. Junior Kunnareath Tauch determines melting points in chemistry.

Painstaking work. Sophomore Ryan Smith carefully dissects a worm in his Biology class while being observed by Mr. Al Krueger and Travis Herndon.

"Science is interesting. We learn things that will affect our future."
Gavin Hecker

"Studying science is important so we can understand the world around us."
Matt Quinn

Unravelling Life's Mysteries

"The "OOH-AH factor" is the best part about teaching science," said Ms. Nancy Mattran, Science Department teacher and coordinator. "The students get so excited," she added.

Science and good times seemed to go together, especially on lab days when students paired up or got into small groups to seek answers to life's mysteries. These young scientists observed things happen, sometimes with surprising results.

Natanya Barrow said, "Chemistry is my favorite subject. I understand it. I can't believe that!" Brandon Rytting, however, said, "I like Astronomy because there's so much to learn."

Science scored high on the scale of "what's important" in today's world. "We study about everything that has something to do with the earth," said Juan Hernandez. Space exploration, the green-house effect, food shortages, the San Francisco earthquake. These were just four of the popular discussion topics.

To study science was to study life and to understand better what tomorrow would bring.

Tough stuff. Seniors Scott Strite and Stephen Worrel work on flow charting in IB Computer Science, taught by Ms. Barbara Ringgold.

With the textbook as a guide, Ms. Mary Rita Ciciarelli assists her Geometry students as they solve problems. (Sophomore Michael Tarr at desk.)

Giving extra help, Ms. Janet Weber shows Algebra III/Trigonometry student John Yates (sophomore) how to solve a tough problem.

"In Math everything fits together like a puzzle."
Jane Brock

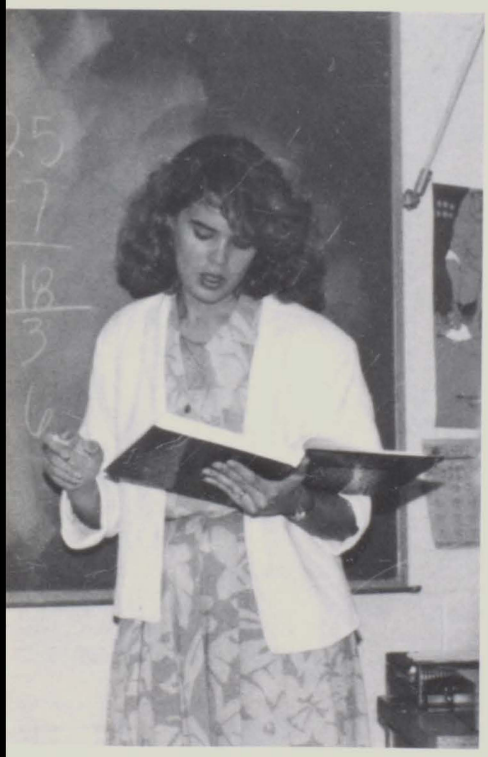
"The whole world rotates around math. We really need it."
Beth Falter

Just Can't Live Without It

"You need it to live in the world," said Kellen Tasker. "It" didn't refer to air, water, or food. "It" was "mathematics." Deniz Callahan said, "It is important to study math in order to succeed in life."

Students understood just how important numbers would be to them when they were adults. Who could balance a check book or fill out a tax form without a background in math? And with a handy calculator to use, even the most difficult problems could be solved. Chrissy Rosholt said, "Math is important because it helps in our everyday life."

The Math Department offered a wide variety of classes on all levels of competence. Besides basic courses such as Math Applications and Informal Geometry, "brainy courses" were also available. Students could take Trig., IB Finite Math, or Computer Science. "I like Computer Science. It's easy, but my grade is weighted," said Computer Science student Stephen Worrel. Math was easy for some students. "Math is my favorite subject. In fact, it's my best subject," said Katherine Temple.

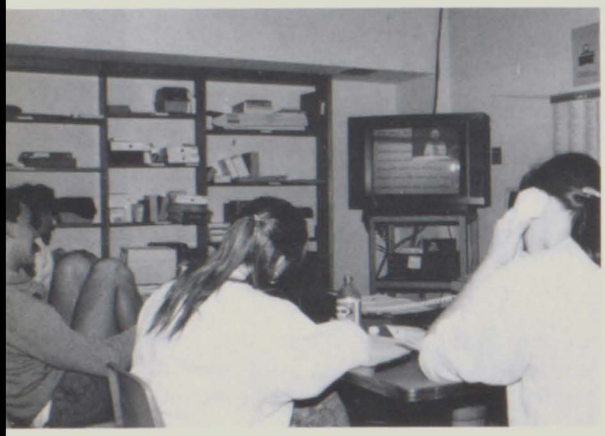


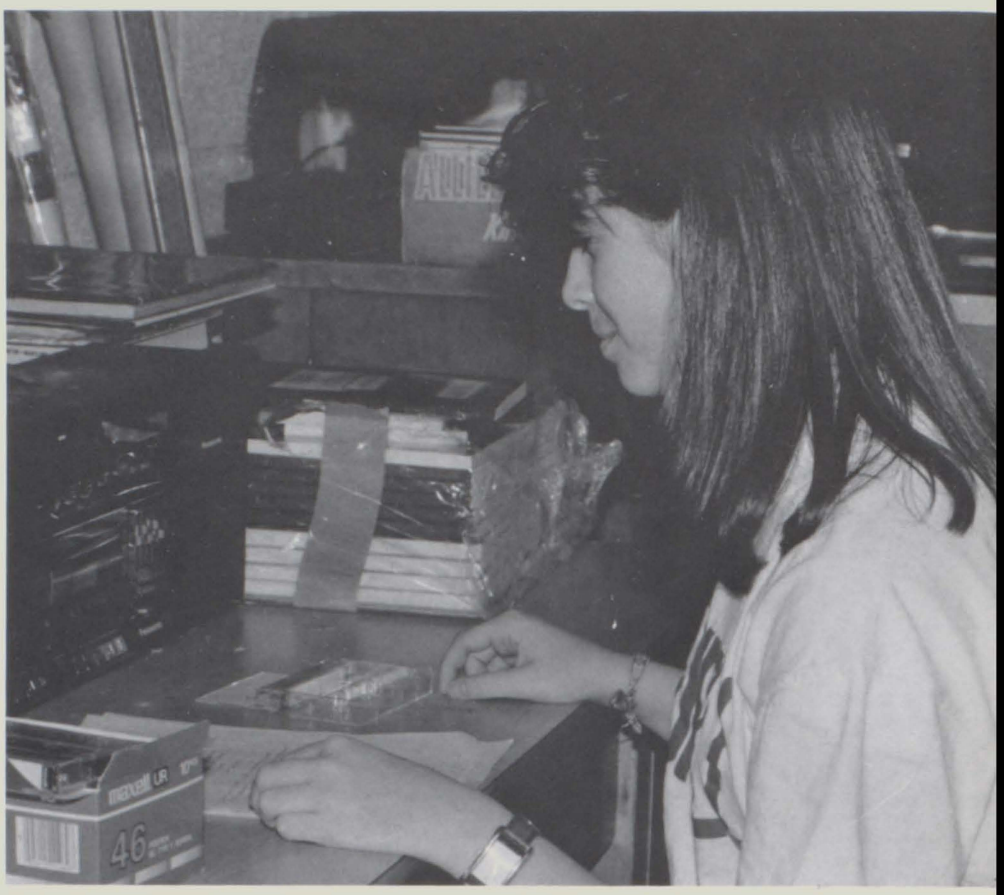
Making work easier, Paraprofessional Lida Hawk helps Ana Hernandez (freshman) with her classowrk.

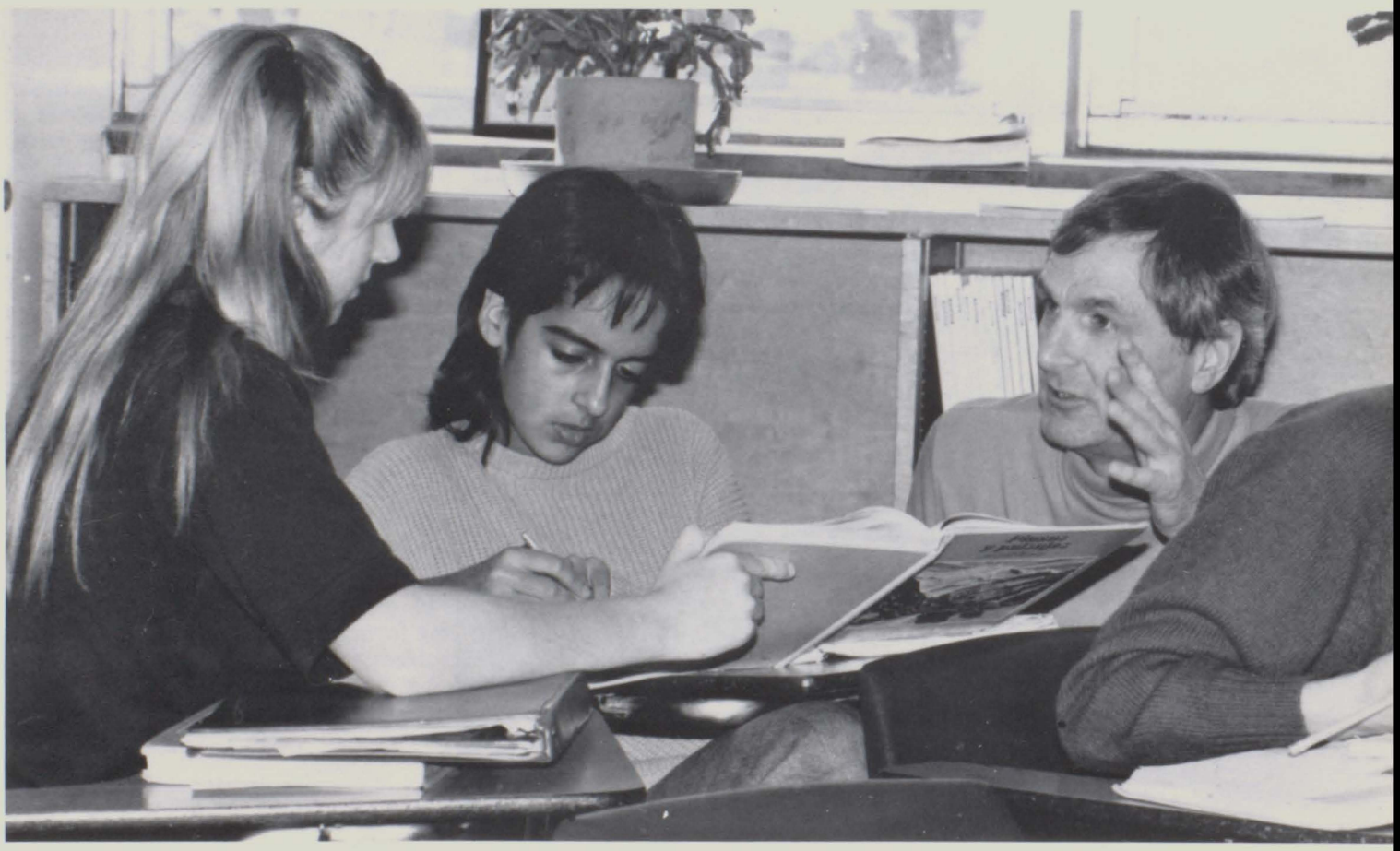
At the blackboard, Algebra I teacher Ana Hagler shows the solution to a problem.

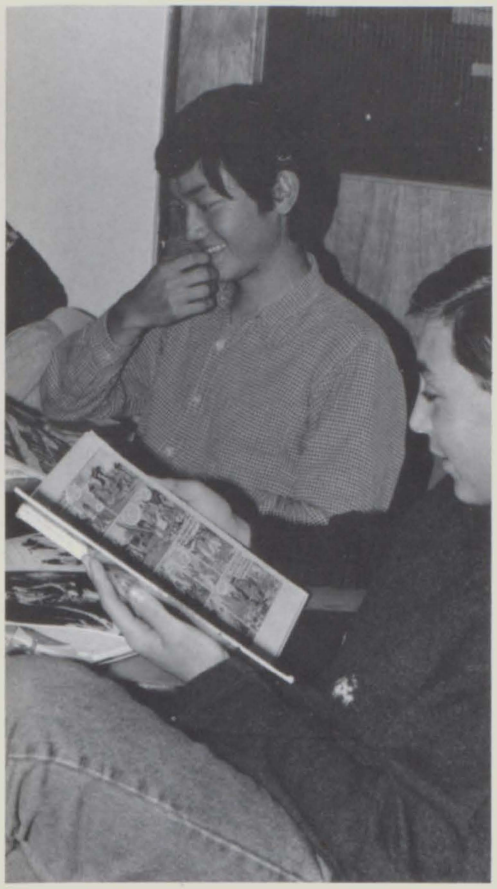
Patiently waiting, senior Valerie Schneider prepares to make a tape for Ms. Linda Johnsen's IB French class.

An electronic classroom. Latin I students use the telephone and TV monitor to learn the basics.









Enjoying some light reading, foreign exchange students Tetsuro Toya from Japan and Ludo Bonsignore from Italy read comic books in French.

With papers in hand, Ms. Theresa Doherty prepares her Spanish I students for a test.

"I'm learning Spanish because there are a lot of Spanish people here."
Ut Huynh

"I study foreign languages because I want to be able to talk to many different people."
Ami Strutin-Belinoff

Saying It Their Way

"I'm thrilled to death with all my classes. I love them all," exclaimed Mr. Robert Snee, Spanish teacher and Foreign Language Department Coordinator. This kind of enthusiasm was typical of French and Spanish teachers.

Students did not have to take a foreign language to graduate from high school unless they followed a college preparatory program. Many students studied two languages because "it looked impressive on their transcript."

Other students had personal reasons for signing up for French, Spanish or Latin. Richard Hartogs said, "I study Spanish because I travel to Spanish-speaking countries a lot, and the teacher is fun." Richard was able to practice his Spanish when he visited relatives in Venezuela in December.

Ruchika Singh said, "I like French because the teacher is sweet, and the class is interesting."

This year Latin was introduced to the curriculum as an experiment. Six students met daily to learn the basics taught through the Electronic Classroom. Margaret Muller, freshman, said, "I study Latin because it helps my vocabulary. We can do things we couldn't do with a real teacher."

Marie Whipple, senior, said, "I like to experience different cultures." You could count on tasting foreign foods and hearing ethnic music in foreign language classes.

Down on their level, Mr. Jack Hamlin helps Julie Kanzler (sophomore) and Amy Isabell Gons (freshman) translate Spanish material.

A relaxing moment. Senior Anush Santhanam enjoys a joke with Ms. Linda Johnsen in IB French class.

Coming up from behind, Jose Gomez and Michelle Yoder go for the ball dribbled by David Hartogs in Ms. Jennifer Cesta's ninth grade P.E. class.

Working with a dummy, partners Ut Huynh and Levy Benitez practice CPR.

Calling time, Ms. Jennifer Cesta stops her P.E. class to give directions. Freshman Shawn Berry stands at her right.

Role-playing in front of the class. Freshmen Mandy Rydell and Vicky Hughes use defense mechanisms in a skit during Ms. Brenda Belote's Family Life class.

"P.E. helps us unwind after sitting down all day."
Kellen Tasker

"We need P.E. We let energy out and it's fun."
Altagracia Espinal

Not The Same Old Stuff

A true stress reliever. That was one way of looking at physical education classes. According to Justin Hruneni, freshman, "P.E. is necessary so kids aren't high strung throughout the day. The need some activity." Michelle Yoder, another freshman, said, "I like P.E. We can cut loose!"

Ninth graders studied volleyball, tennis, basketball, handball, and track and field. Their course was very activity based and fitness oriented. "I like P.E. because we exercise. It keeps us in shape," said freshman Sandra Gallo. With the emphasis on wellness in schools, the Physical Education Department assumed responsibility to improve students' mental and physical health.

Tenth graders' courses included Family Life which focussed on human growth and development through the life cycle. A highlight of the year was a unit in Driver Education. Students learned to make good decisions in various driving situations. Getting the keys to the family car became more of a reality.

For those upper classmen who needed a break in the usual routine, there was Advanced Sport and Fitness.

According to David Robles, "P.E. is the only class where we can use our strength. It has a lot of action and is fun."

Anxious to drive. Sophomore Adam Jarrett shows the students in Mr. Jim Spiridopoulos' Driver's Ed. class how to use jumper cables.

Hoping to score a point, Molly Ruland prepares to serve in her ninth grade P.E. class' volleyball game.

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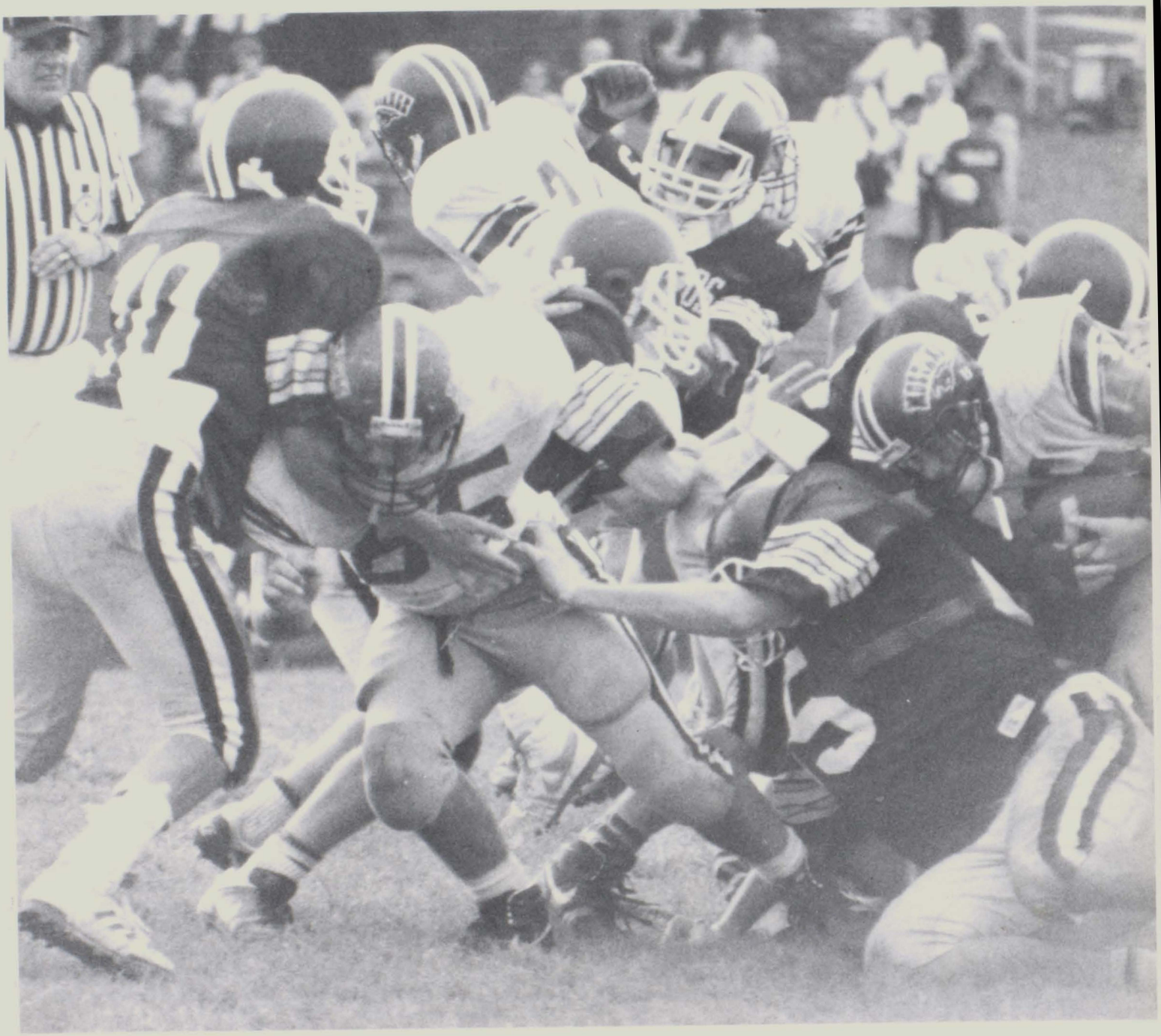
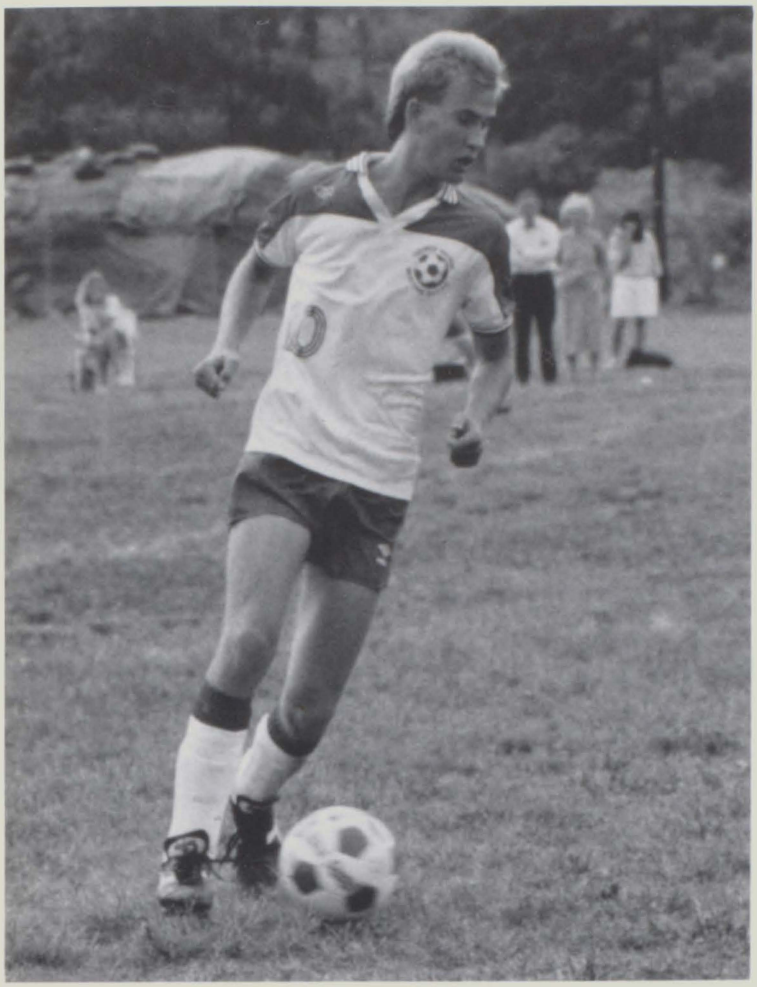
1. Contest, match or game of great importance. **2.** G.M. SPORTS



Classic Competition

Against St. Stephen, senior Matt Kingsley dribbles the ball. He scored the winning goal. (Mason won, 1-0.)



An entire team celebrated their win. The single athlete was left alone to contemplate his part in a loss. The joy of victory and the agony of defeat: classic notions that were part of a year in sports at George Mason. The football team was left to experience both in equal degrees. Their victory over Strasburg marked the first trip to the playoffs in almost a decade. Their loss to Madison County marked the end of a dream season for many seniors. The season for the girls' soccer team perhaps embodied the classic attitude. After overcoming five consecutive seasons of defeat, the team returned with a new attitude. They surprised everyone and posted a 123-3 record to create their best season ever. The classic winning attitude with grace in defeat marked the Mustangs this year. They had a great year; it was a classic year.

On offense, Mustangs carry the ball in their game against Sidwell Friends on September 15. Chris Ohr holds the ball. (We won, 12-6.)

Against Strasburg, Senior Christian O'Hara skys for a lay-up.

"I feel that I really have learned a lot from this school's sports program. It has taught me to have good sportsmanship, and I have also grown as a person."

-Matt Kingsley

Coming Out On Top

For the first time in recent history people in the Falls Church area were forced to take notice of the Mason football team. Articles in both the local and D.C. papers on the team's turnaround were a common occurrence. After a disappointing 2-8 season, the team rebounded to post a 7-4 record and an unheard of trip to the playoffs.

In many ways '89 proved to be a dream season for the whole team, especially the seniors. Senior linebacker Tim Welter said, "This is what we had all been waiting for. It was a great season." The season started with an amazing 5-0 record with decisive wins over Bishop Ireton (a team that had beat them 35-7 last year), and a 48-19 homecoming crushing of Brentsville. Their only losses came against considerably larger schools such as the state champion Page County and Madison in the playoffs.

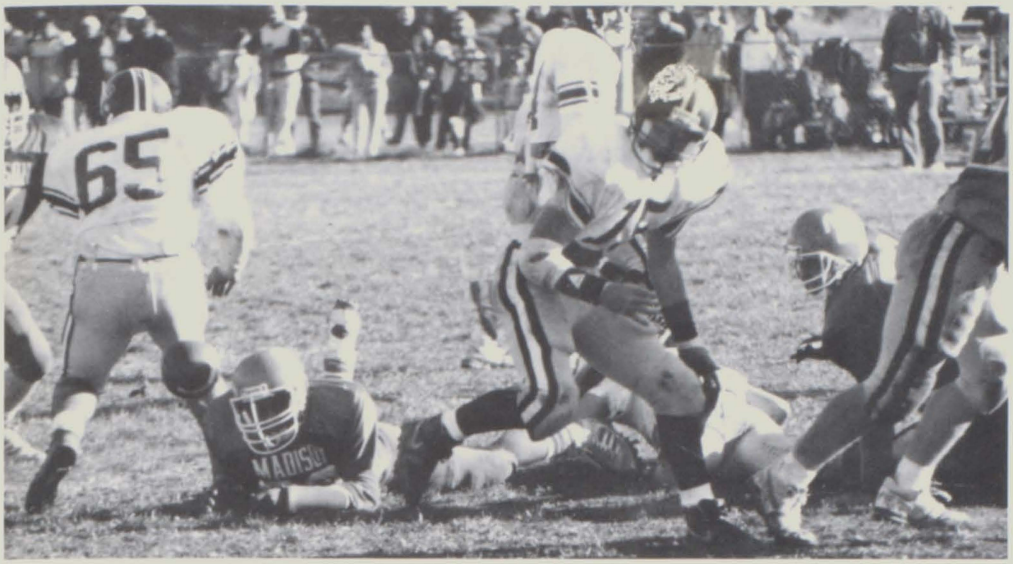
The most memorable game of the season came on a bitterly cold day against division rival Stonewall Jackson who was favored by so many to win. As the rain started to come down harder, many of the Mason faithful found shelter in the covered press box. Others drove their cars to the top of the hill to watch the game from inside dry cars. Almost all remained loyal Mustang fans and watched the team cruise over Stonewall 28-2.

After a huge victory over division rival and heavily-favored Strasburg, the Mustangs headed into their first playoff game in years against Madison County. Although they lost, no one was disappointed with the season as a whole.

Senior Kenny Salas evades two Strasburg defenders on November 4. Mustangs won 17-7. (Salas received the Most Outstanding Trophy for Offense.)

Junior Roberto Espinal lunges forward for a seven-yard gain against Brentsville. At left, senior Mark Larkin (#79).

A look of anguish. Coaches Tom Meier and Lou Sorrentino watch the players during a home game. (Mr. Meier coached during the '88 and '89 seasons.)



Senior Chris Ohr looks back at a fumble in the playoff game against Madison County.

Senior Jared Guckenberger pushes forward for a gain against Strasburg.

Against Brentsville, Jared Guckenberger gets wrenched by a defender.

Football Team: Front Row: Manager Darren Lomis, Ryan Smith, David Hall, Enio Aguilar, Justin Hruneni, Chris Poff, David Robles, Paul Bailey, Gavin Hecker, Manager Todd Austin. *Second Row:* Lance Guckenberger, Jared Guckenberger, Chris Ohr, Mike Noyes, Zach Falter, Mike Gutheridge, Sean Fair, John Pitfido, Andrew Swift, Justin Reich, Asst. Coach Mark Fredenberg. *Third Row:* Asst. Coach Greg Comer, Head Coach Tom Meier, Robert Ennis, Jesse Burgess, Pat Casey, Matt Kingsley, Eric Hobart, Steven Bowling, Tim Welter, Troy Austin, Deniz Callahan, Adam Stoffel, Asst. Coach Lou Sorrentino. *Back Row:* Brian Sullivan, Travis Lincoln, Justin Black, Mark Larkin, Floyd Beale, Craig Sirkin, Josh McCall, Roberto Espinal, Kenny Salas, Eric Fellman.

BOYS' VARSITY FOOTBALL

Bishop Ireton	14- 7
Paul VI	21- 0
Sidwell Friends	21-12
Stonewall Jackson	23- 2
Manassas Park	0-15
Brentsville	48-19
Page County	21-54
Clarke County	16-41
Central (Woodstock)	16-14
Strasburg	14- 7
Madison County	0-14

Against Brentsville, four Mason players converge to crunch a ball carrier.

A quiet moment. Coach Meier and senior Kenny Salas exchange ideas after a game.

Sophomore Mike Noyes dives for a fumble in the game against Brentsville.

Freshman Jesse Burgess slips away from a would-be Brentsville tackler.

Junior Travis Lincoln hits a Brentsville runner in the backfield in Mason's 48-19 win over Brentsville.

Freshman Peter Oh fights to turn the corner against Brentsville.

Moving fast, Mason brings down a Brentsville runner before he can turn the corner.

Against All Odds

"How can we be a team with only five girls?" This question was asked back in August when five girls showed up for practice to begin the season. The answer became, "Anything can happen." After losing six players from the previous years' teams and having only one returning starter, the team had to bring up girls from the J.V. team in order to expand to eight. This lack of players combined with the lack of experience was a major factor in the opening losses of the season. Captain Alyssa Van Duizend (a senior) said, "Our overtime loss to Brentsville in the beginning really hurt our confidence as a team. In past years we could always count on beating Brentsville."

Coach Howard Herman brought the team together by helping them work together and work through their obstacles. Coach Herman said, "The goals going into the season were to improve, have fun, and be able to look back and be glad we played." The team succeeded in doing all these.

Some of the younger girls had a lot of rewarding experiences during the season. Freshman Chrissy Rosholt on the varsity team said, "Playing was a great learning experience. Playing with older girls helped me in my shooting and in my speed." The team would lose two of its members (senior co-captains Alyssa and Amie Noyes), but the remaining girls looked forward to trying out for another season in '90.

Moving fast, freshman Chrissy Rosholt looks for a pass.

Against Central Falcons, junior Sasha Day fights for a loose ball.

Dribbling the ball, freshman Lindsay Smith looks for a pass.

Against Central, Sasha Day takes a jumper from under the basket.

A tradition. The Girls' Basketball Team prepares to give their parents a long-stemmed rose as a tradition on the night of their last home game.

GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

Page County	12-61
Brentsville	41-44
Rappahannock	33-42
Broad Run	27-38
Manassas Park	28-34
Stonewall Jackson	50-60
Clarke County	35-47
Strasburg	23-66
Central	19-70
Broad Run	32-68
Brentsville	46-35
Page County	30-70
Rappahannock	35-46
Manassas Park	35-28
Stonewall Jackson	34-31
Clarke County	27-46

Girls' Basketball Team: Front Row: Jessica Menendez, Co-captain Amie Noyes, Kate Fletcher. *Back Row:* Carolina Naupari, Sasha Day, Co-captain Alyssa Van Duizend, Megan Noyes, Chrissy Rosholt, Coach Howard Herman.

Senior Matt Kingsley takes off with the ball.

Junior Andrew Burk steals the ball from St. Johns.

Junior David Kelley moves in to steal the ball.

Boys' Varsity Soccer Team: Front Row: Cory Russ, Juan Hernandez, Chris Fetner, Peter Hartogs, Andrew Burk, Goalies Adam Jarrett and Doug Thackrey, Andrew Craig, Lans Cameron, Luis Ventura, Khanh Tran. *Back Row:* Head Coaches Tom Stone and Doug Bradley, Jose Hernandez, Robbie Rosholt, David Quinn, Matt Kingsley, Mike Leland, Eric Reimers, Charlie Hunt, Kurt Johnson, Christian O'Hara, David Kelley, Goalie Coach Woody.

Junior Josh Leachman kicks the ball downfield.

Making A Goal Of It

Showing up in the intense August heat to run and work on skills for five hours a day is not what Mustangs wanted to do, unless they were on the soccer team. The dedicated soccer players reported to Mason's field every day to improve their skills and teamwork. Under the direction of two new coaches, Doug Bradley and Tom Stone (both professional soccer players), the team's new season got underway with first five victories. Due to injuries and the stress of playing against much larger and more experienced teams, however, subsequent games turned into losses.

It was not the record that distinguished the season. It was the team's unique attitude of playing to have fun while learning rather than playing to win at any cost. Christian O'Hara said, "We work hard and try to improve every day, and we want to show people we are a good team." It was a memorable season for them because of their sense of humor combined with their drive and goal to win.

Their love for the game was shown by their practicing on a day in September when rain was coming down so hard the fields were flooded. Practice was called off, but the team continued to play hard.

Side by side, Josh Jarrett and Jose Hernandez control the ball in their game against St. Johns.

Junior Ari Losman plays aggressively next to a St. Johns player in an attempt to kick the ball.

Boys' Junior Varsity Soccer Team: Front Row: Josh Jarrett, Mike Mohajeri, Tri Thai, Ari Losman, Goalie Juha Palvarvi, Paul Dunn, Mike Wells, David Hartogs, Peter Johnson. *Back Row:* Coach Tom Stone, Renee Rivera, Dan Salsbury, Seth Kingsley, Allen Scully, William Singletary, Mitch Falter, Josh Leachman, Ari Strutin-Belinoff, Goalie Coach Woody, Coach Doug Bradley.

Gathering together, the team listens to Coach John Kalepp's advice during halftime.

Junior Lisa Menendez traps the ball in front of an open net.

Senior Lisa Krebs lines up for a corner kick.

Sophmore Stephanie Jones clears the ball downfield.

Girls' Soccer Team: Front Row: Kristin Brew, Stephanie Jones, Lisa Menendez, Debbie Hughes, Lisa Krebs, goalie Aleta Hoover, Molly Henneberg (Team Captain), Vicky Hughes, Christy Ploch, Hannah Burke. *Back Row:* Asst. Coach Judy Aukamp, Wendy Gephart, Laura Bain, Eugenia Leachman, Christine Walsh, Deepa Menon, Sarah Robinson, Julie Patton, Rebecca Conable, Amy Gons, Kate Chamberlin, Sara Kelley, Manager Debbie Cory, Mr. John Kalepp (Coach).

Against Washington International School, senior Julie Patton and junior Molly Henneberg converge on the ball.

Careful observers, freshman Vicky Hughes and Coach Kalepp watch the game against Washington International School.

On A Winning Streak

"It was unbelievable that the team experienced such a huge turnaround in such a short time," said junior Molly Henneber, team captain. The Girls' Soccer team had an amazing 11-3 record in the last year of a decade that had previously produced fewer than a dozen total wins.

The team was led by senior Aleta Hoover in goal. The leading goal scorer was junior Lisa Menendez, who for the first time in Mason history had not one but two hat tricks during the season. The team's turnaround was largely credited to overall experience of the team, something that had been previously lacking. Their improved athletic ability and conditioning helped also. "Coach Kalepp ran us to death this year!" claimed senior Rebecca Conable.

After the first winning season ever last year, the team started the year with an 8-0 record. Another bonus was the added enthusiasm of the school over the team's success. In a season where the publicity usually goes to the football team, Mustangs generated an unprecedented amount of school spirit as they cheered on the soccer team. They were caught up in the thrill of victory along with the players.

With the help of young talent and devoted players, Coach Kalepp believed that he finally saw the girls' soccer team change into a winning and important part of the sports program.

GIRLS' VARSITY SOCCER

St. Mary	1-0
Georgetown	2-1
Washington International	6-0
Wilson High	2-0
Jewish Day School	2-0
Potomac	3-2
St. Mary	0-4
Edmond Burke	4-0
Washington International	1-0
Field School	3-0
St. Andrews	0-1
Wilson	2-1
Potomac	0-2

Senior girls in action. Theresia Muller and Valerie Schneider run side by side.

Cross Country Team: Front Row: Valerie Schneider, Chris Yates, David Douglass, Tetsuro Toya, Chris Millspaugh, Theresia Muller, Manager Margaret Muller. *Back Row:* Mr. Robert Snee (Coach), Allison Yates, Jason Robertson, Lee Carson, Jon Fritsch, Allan Schneider, Sean Sollinger, Cindy Wilson, David Lefkowitz.

The Fun Of It All

At a home meet, freshman Allan Schneider runs hard to the finish.

The 1989 Cross Country Team was in a state of being rebuilt. With only seven returning members out of eighteen, there was a lot of inexperience on its side. Each runner did his or her best, but the team spent a lot of time learning to run their best while accepting losses as "good experiences." The girls' team got a slow start placing in meets until sophomore Scarlet Wynns joined. Coach Snee was a loyal source of encouragement and pep talks by telling them, "You are all winners on the inside!"

Mustangs who enjoyed racing outdoors to beat other teams and their own records found this sport challenging and fun. A few runners were streamlined for success. Allison Yates and Cindy Wilson were consistently fast on the girls' team. Fast boys were Jon Fritsch, David Douglass, Chris Madison and Tetsuro Toya, our exchange student from Japan. He summed up the season this way: "It was a lot of fun, and that's what makes a team good."

On your mark, get set, go! The Cross Country team waits for the gun to begin a meet.

Passing a Strasburg runner, Tetsuro Toya, a senior, heads for the finish line.

With outstretched arm, junior Liz Honesty jumps high to welcome the opponents' guests.

Full of energy, sophomore Deepa Menon leaps in the air to end a cheer.

VARSITY CHEERLEADERS. Front Row: Elizabeth Honesty, Jennifer Peacock, Lauren Cigledy, Medena Small. *Back Row:* Stacy Russ, Emily Hall, Maria Gutierrez (Technical Coach), Ms. Brenda Belote (Administrative Coach), Jennifer Hoffman, Katie Gray.

"You Say Red! We Say White!"

At a pep rally, freshman Tamara Droujinsky claps to the beat.

"I think I do my best cheerleading when the crowds are rowdy and cheer us on," said varsity cheerleader Scarlet Wynns. Sometimes the crowds could drum up enough of their own energy, but usually the cheerleaders were what they needed to "get into it," especially after the opponent scored.

These hardworking, dedicated spirit-rousers came back to school in style. They looked sharp and felt great after spending a strenuous week at Towson State University in July at a summer camp. Both varsity and junior varsity squads performed incredibly, receiving numerous rewards and recognitions at Towson. Freshman Beth Cory and juniors Medena Small and Liz Honesty were selected as Cheerleading All-Stars. Liz and Medena went to London to show off their impressive skills.

This year changes took place in the expectations of cheerleaders. Instead of just cheering at basketball and football games, they cheered at wrestling and cross-country meets and soccer and volleyball games. The demands were greater but so were the rewards.

When asked why she was a cheerleader, sophomore Stacy Russ said, "It's fun. I'm part of a team, and I learn to budget my time." Beth Cory, a freshman, simply said, "I cheer because it's fun."

There were fall and winter tryouts for cheerleading squads. The girls practiced their cheers and hoped to be selected. Many varsity cheerleaders began their experience as eighth graders on the junior varsity squad. They made good friends with other cheerleaders because of working so closely with one another. There was a real sense of teamwork. They were committed to serving Mustang crowds and encouraging Mustang teams.

As with any club or team, fundraising was an important function and a necessity. During Spirit Week the cheerleaders sold red-and-white carnations which signified love and friendship. They also had car washes and ran a mini-cheer camp at G.M. in July.

Left, homecoming cheers. Varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders acknowledge the third touchdown against Brentsville.

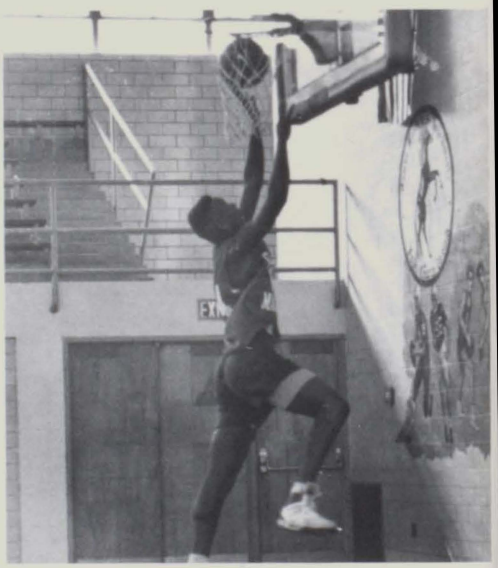
Full of school spirit, Coach Brenda Belote wears a red-and-white clown outfit on Halloween.

JUNIOR VARISTY CHEERLEADERS. Front Row: Susie Hill and Tamara Droujinsky. *Second Row:* Samantha Petrich, Janna Lukomski, Marcia Longo, Beth Cory. *Back Row:* Meg Bryant, Mandy Riedel, Katherine Temple, Amie Camden, Diana Dinerman.

Making Headway

The year after "The Trees" graduated was supposed to be one of the most famous rebuilding years for the Mason basketball team. With all their height gone, the tallest person on the team was a junior, Eric Reimers at 6'3", and most "experts" chose Mason to place last in the District. There were many factors overlooked, however, namely a dedicated and highly defensively-skilled team. Another decisive factor was having a coach capable of motivating his team under great adversity. Many players felt Coach Dale Dover, new to Mason, was probably the key to the team's having a most memorable season. "Dover was probably the best coach I've ever had," said Eric Reimers. He added, "He really knew how to play and teach us basketball."

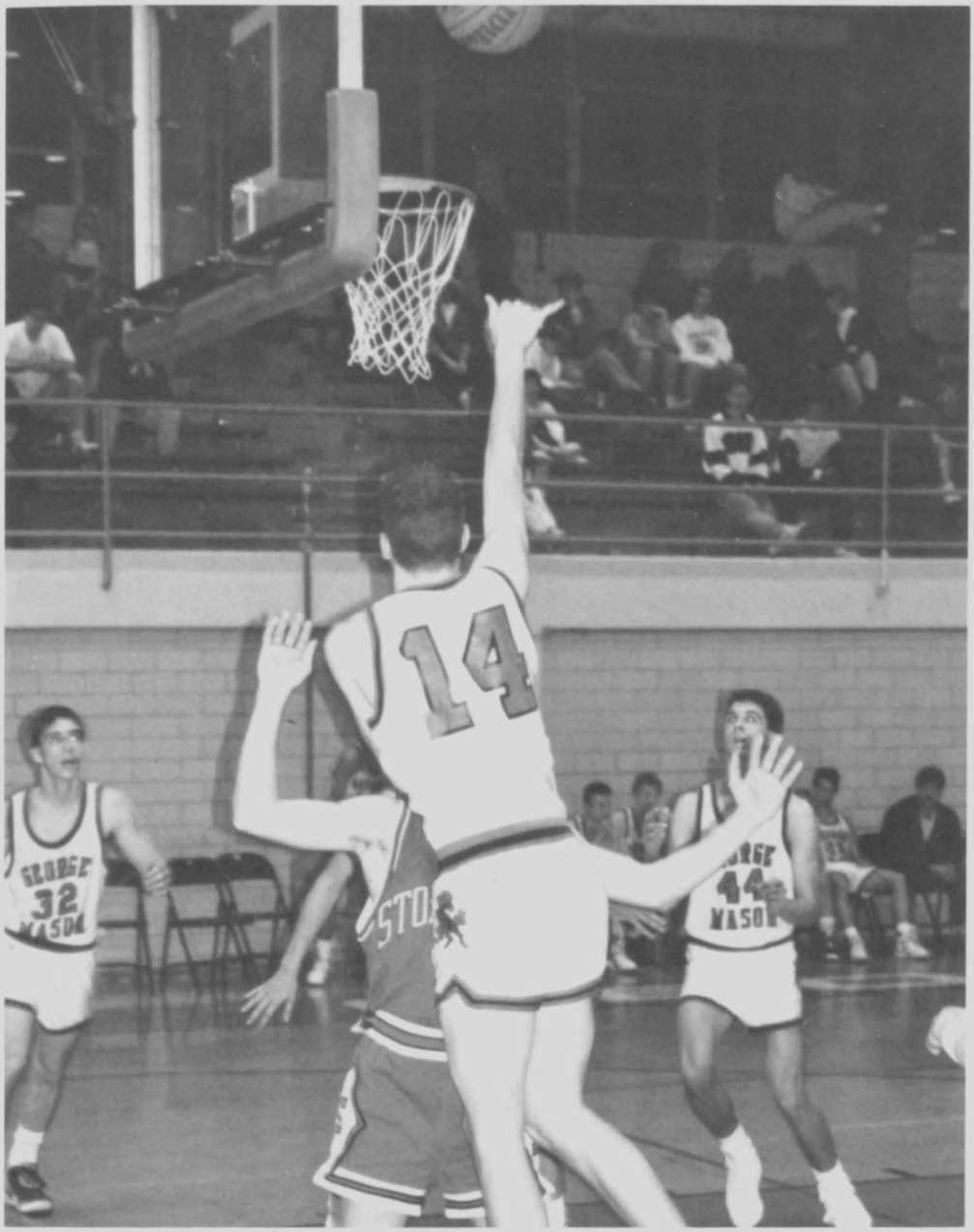
The team lost many games by margins as small as one or two points. One of the most memorable games was against Strasburg, their division opponent. With five seconds left and behind by one point, sophomore Peter Murchie made a long jumper to put Mason ahead by one. But all-state player Charles Robinson reached the three-point line and hit an arching jumper over three people to win the game for Strasburg. Fate was not always on Mason's side, but a solid base was established for next year's team.



In a scrimmage junior Floyd Beale makes a lay-up. (Beale was one of two juniors on this year's team.)

Junior Eric Reimers tries to keep the ball in bounds in a game against Stonewall Jackson.

Sophomore Eric Fellman goes over a Stonewall Jackson player to make a shot.

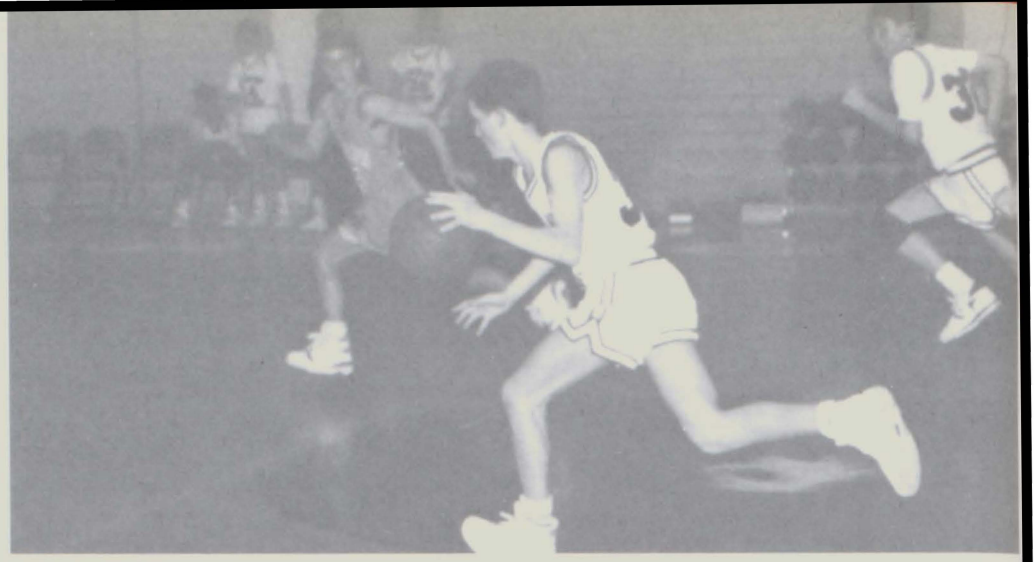


BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

Model School	45-80
Fairfax	46-79
Falls Church	45-85
Manassas Park	67-50
Stonewall Jackson	60-54
Strasburg	49-54
Brentsville	51-45
Clark County	60-56
Rappahannock	39-56
Page County	36-55
Central	55-65
Brentsville	43-36
Central	61-65
Strasburg	54-55
Stonewall Jackson	53-56
Manassas Park	49-43
Page County	33-36
Clarke County	46-58
Rappahannock	33-49

Senior Christian O'Hara takes a jump shot.

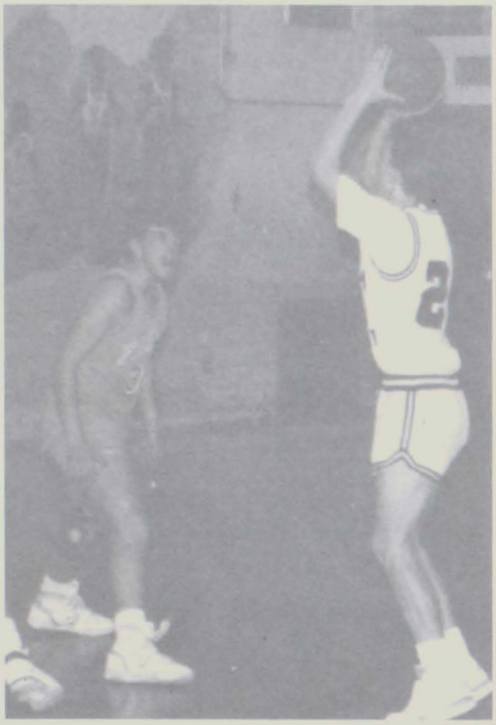
Boys' Varsity Basketball Team: Front Row: Andrew Craig, Dan Salsbury, Peter Murchie, Pat Casey, Brian Sullivan, David Quinn, Cory Russ. *Back Row:* Christian O'Hara, William Singletary, Josh McCall, Doug Thackrey, Coach Dale Dover, Eric Reimers, Matt Kingsley, Eric Fellman.

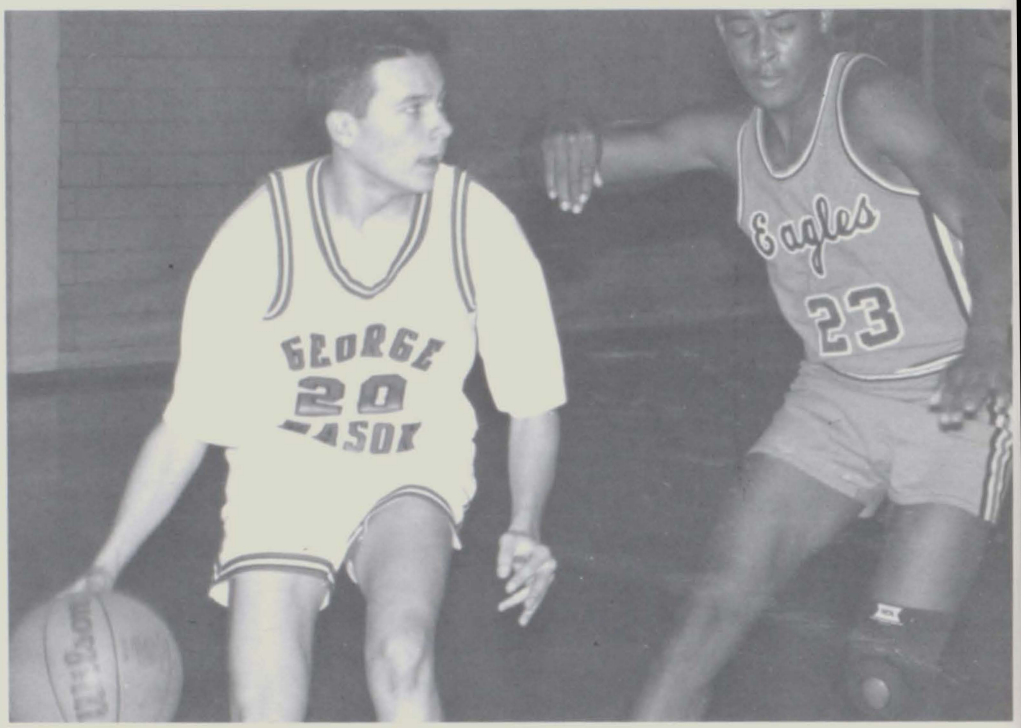


Dribbling the ball, freshman David Douglass heads for the basket.

Captain of the team, sophomore Josh Kingsley takes a two pointer above the defense.

On offense, sophomore Andre Carley takes off with the ball.





Boys' Junior Varsity Basketball Team: Front Row: Manager Margaret Muller, David Douglass, Chris Millspaugh, Chris Yates, Pat Thomas, Nate Martin. *Back Row:* Marquis Tinner, Paul Whichard, Afolabi Ojumu, Josh Kingsley (Captain), Chris Madison, Andre Carley, Mr. Charlie Russ (Coach).

Playing aggressively, sophomore Chris Madison dribbles to the basket, defending the ball.

Sophomore Afolabi Ojumu reaches up high to make a basket.

Got It?

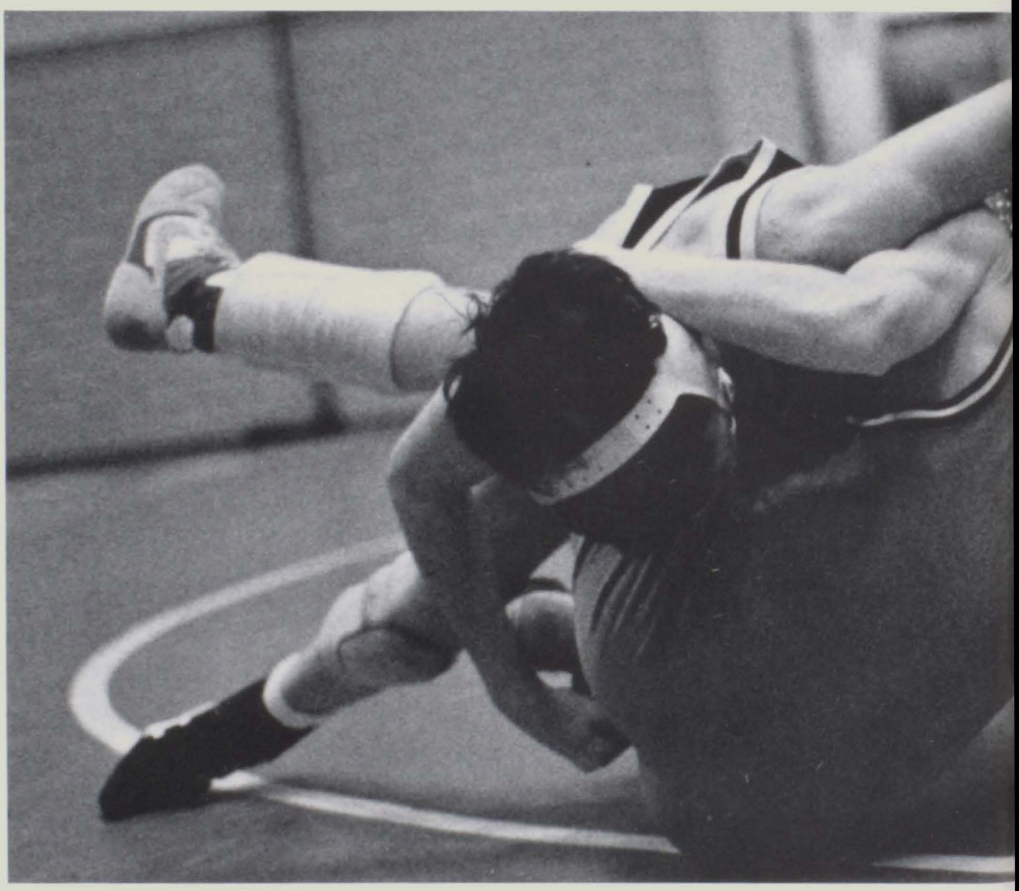
"You've got to catch the ball before you can do anything with it!" yelled Coach Russ across the floor. The team practiced drills over and over again until they "got it right." Practice was often grueling. Eleven players and one manager reported to winter practice sessions throughout the season to review the basics and learn new maneuvers. With only two returning players, the team lacked experience, but they didn't suffer. Three eighth graders, two freshmen and six sophomores generated a lot of spirit and drive to face a new season.

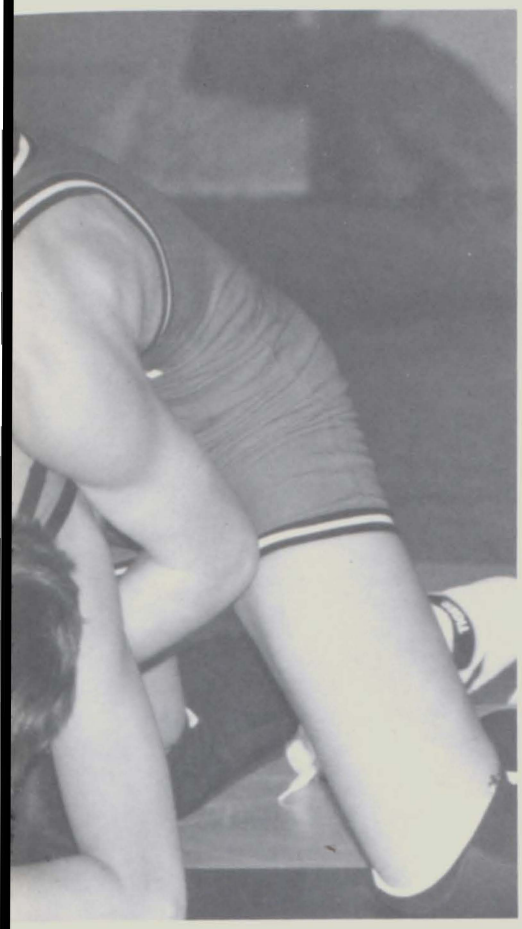
Freshman George McNeill breaks down his Brentsville opponent.

Freshman Lance Guckenberger is put on the mat by the opponent.

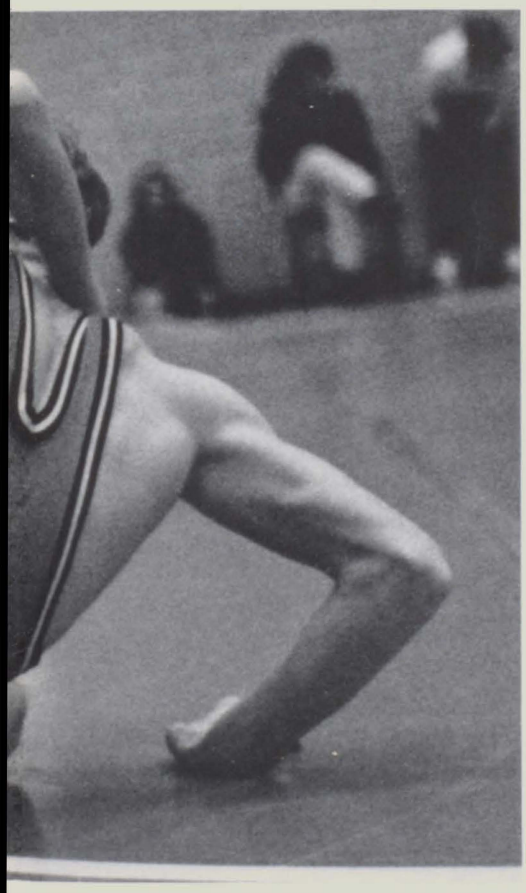
Junior Juan Hernandez prepares to take down his opponent.

Junior Andrew Burk attempts a reversal on his Manassas Park opponent.





Wrestling Team: Front Row: Jose Hernandez, George McNeill, Gavin Hecker, Captain Juan Hernandez, Melvin Rivera. *Back Row:* Mr. Mark Fredenberg (Head Coach), Jorge Hernandez, John Schutte, Andrew Burk, Mark Larkin, Zach Falter, Captain Jared Guckenberger, Mr. John Weil (Asst. Coach).



No Pain, No Gain

"Wrestling isn't a glory sport like football or basketball. You have to be really tough to compete. You have to really want it!" said Mr. John Weil, Asst. Wrestling Coach. This attitude of taking the punishment in order to eventually be a winner was the essential one for wrestling. The Mustang wrestlers had the right attitude. The first year wrestlers often had to endure a full year of painstaking skill development before they started winning matches on a regular basis. It was this determination that Coach Weil believed marked the best wrestlers.

Many weight classes were not able to be filled throughout the year during this season. Small school enrollment and a relatively low interest in wrestling as a sport contributed to Mason's vacant weight classes. For these reasons team victories were rare.

But because wrestling focused on individual triumphs, many wrestlers felt the thrill of victory this season. Junior Zach Falter started the season by winning his first match and tournament ever. He compiled a winning record after that and went to regionals. Seniors Jared Guckenberger and Mark Larkin and juniors Juan Hernandez and Andrew Burk devastated many opponents on their way to the state championship. Andrew Burk said, "It was a lot better than I expected. I plan to continue wrestling as long as possible" Juan Hernandez summed up his experiences this way: "There is nothing better than putting a guy on the mat and making it hurt." Mr. Mark Fredenberg, head coach, said, "We knew we had a young team coming in this season. Hopefully this year's experience will help these people next year."

Senior Pilar Strutin-Belinoff prepares to serve.

Freshman Amy Gons bumps the ball.

Senior Linda Tran sets the ball.

Girls' Varsity Volleyball Team: Front Row: Kay Eister, Jennifer Preston, Tracie Holcombe, Thu Do, Kunnareath Tauch, Linda Tran (Captain), Erica Persson. *Second Row:* Manager Elizabeth Martin, Meredith Lenker, Bonnie Martin (Captain), Pilar Strutin-Belinoff, Jennifer Peacock, Kerry O'Grady, Carolina Naupari, Julie Patton, Aleta Hoover, Sheryl Whitaker. *Back Row:* Manager Jon Fritsch, Mr. Al Krueger (Coach).

Teamwork At Its Best

"I've never seen in a George Mason team such teamwork and a push for excellence as we had this year. All our hard work paid off because, in my opinion, we are the best team G.M. has ever had!" said Co-captain Bonnie Martin. Varsity players met from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday during the season to practice as individuals and team members. They played seventeen games (eight at Mason). Seven juniors and ten seniors formed a mighty team. Mr. Al Krueger, Head Coach, said, "This year we had a great deal of talent and experience. Even though the squad was large, by the end of the season they had bonded so well together as a team. Bonzai!" Highlights of the season were a near defeat of an excellent Broad Run AA school and competing in the District Tournament.

One of the goals of the JV team is to prepare the girls for the varsity team. This year twelve eighth, ninth and tenth graders practiced every day during the season to advance their skills, stay in shape and have a fun, athletic experience. Ms. Theresa Doherty, Coach, said, "We were a young team looking forward to a good season." They experienced their share of losses, but they learned a lot as well.

GIRLS' VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Manassas Park	Win
Brentsville	Win
Rappahannock	Win
Clarke County	Win
Broad Run	Loss
Brentsville	Win
Page County	Loss
Central	Win
Broad Run	Loss
Strasburg	Loss
Stonewall	Win
Manassas Park	Win
Strasburg	Loss
District	9-3
Overall	12-5
Junior Varsity	5-7

Senior Jennifer Peacock spikes the ball.

Girls' Junior Varsity Volleyball Team: Front Row: Rachna Tauch, Becky Martin, Marisabel Suarez, Olga Barrionuevo. *Back Row: Manager* Elizabeth Martin, Hannah Edwards, Sandra Martin, Maria Paljarvi, Mercedes Heil, Amy Gons, Sara Barber, Ms. Theresa Doherty (Coach).

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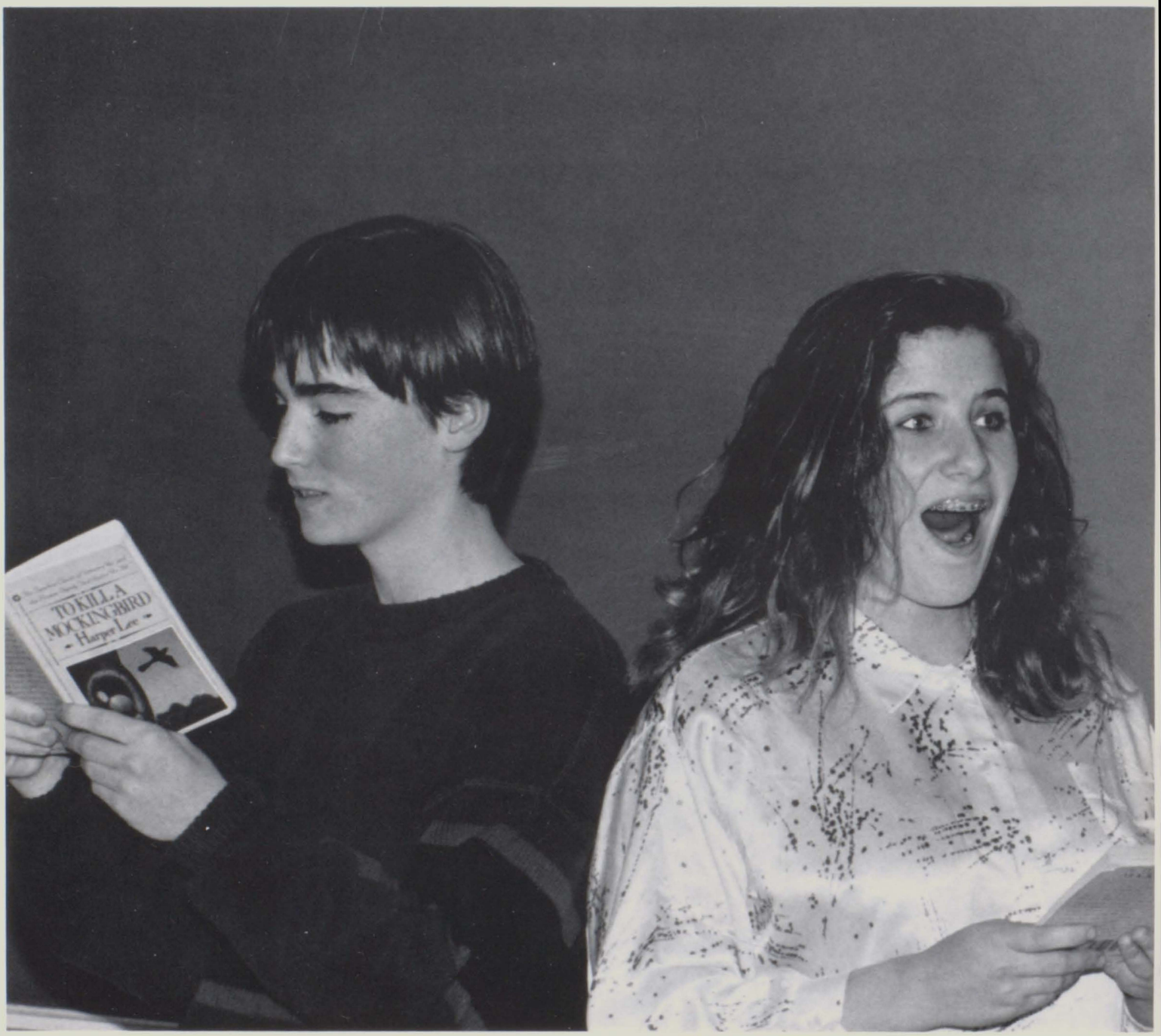
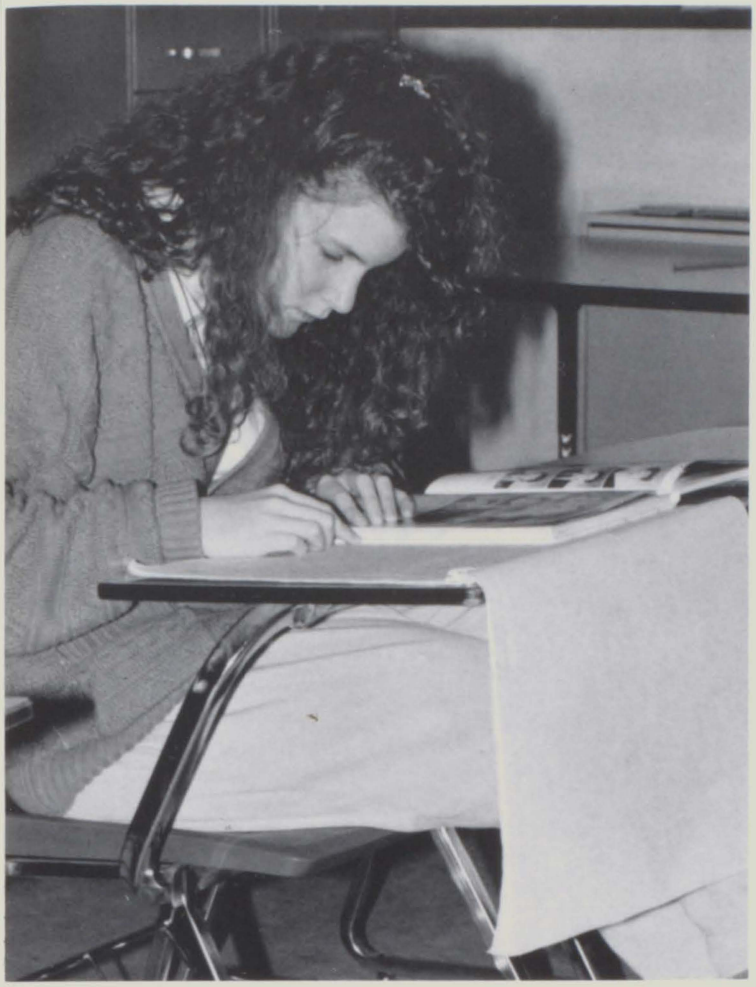


Painstaking work. Mustang co-editor Alyssa Van Duizend carefully measures space for copy. She designed this year's senior section.



Classic Groups

Mustangs have traditionally signed up for organizations. Some of our clubs and teams were as old as the school. Students have always felt the need "to belong," and joining organizations was the way to feel special. The Student Handbook outlined each organization's purpose and responsibilities. In September and October we investigated which groups met our needs. We wanted to join those that our friends were in. We were willing to work hard, but we also wanted to have a good time. Many of us signed up for too many and felt over-committed. By November we decided which organizations were the ones for us. Mustangs ran for office and assumed responsible positions within these groups. We made new friends as we worked side-by-side to fulfill our responsibilities and provide services for many people. We accomplished our goals. It was a classic year.

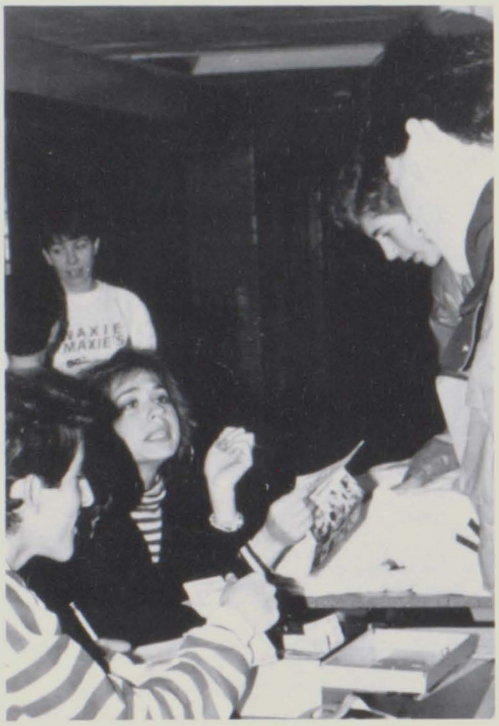
Dramatic duo. Sophomores Matt Kern and Adriana Anderson practice oral interpretation in preparation for a forensics competition.

Working as a team, Mr. Michael Hoover (Journalism Sponsor), Chris O'Hara and Jill Boozell (seniors) evaluate pictures for the *Lasso.*

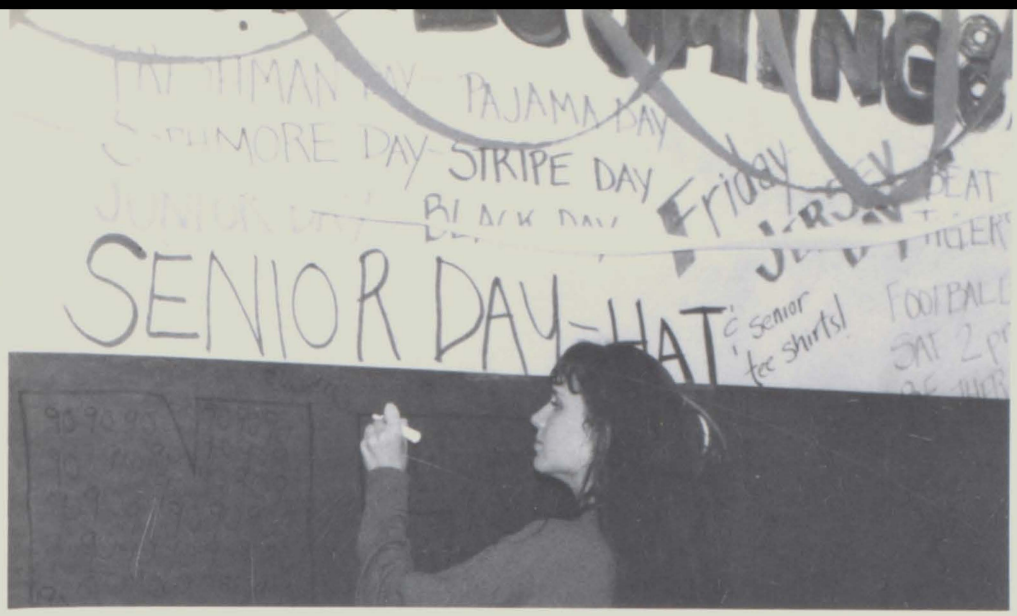
"Being involved in various activities throughout the years has made the school days more fulfilling. Clubs were a great way to keep me busy and add interest to each season."
- Alyssa Van Duizend

At the mike, Senior Class President Amie Noyes welcomes students to the annual Super Dance.

Taking in the cash, Sophomore Class Treasurer Reid Hecker assists Renee Marchese of MDA as they accept pledge money at the door.



STUDENT COUNCIL. Front Row: Paul Bailey, Reid Hecker, Eugenia Leachman, Sonya Zepeda, Chris Walsh, Molly Henneberg, Sasha Day, Ms. Erin Albright (Adviser), Christy Ploch, John Yates, Opeyemi Adamolekun. *Back Row:* Kerry O'Grady, Stephene Parry, Aleta Hoover, Amie Noyes, Meredith Lenker, Erica Persson, Rebecca Conable, Deidre Hoetmer, Mitch Falter.



Showing class spirit, Kerry O'Grady (Senior Class Treasurer) decorates the senior class hallway during Spirit Week.

Side by side, class officers Eugenia Leachman (Freshman Class Vice-President) and Christine Walsh (Sophomore Class President) enjoy a pep rally.

Junior boys Eric Reimers, Allen Scully and Justin Black enjoy the music at the Quake Shake, sponsored by the Junior Class.

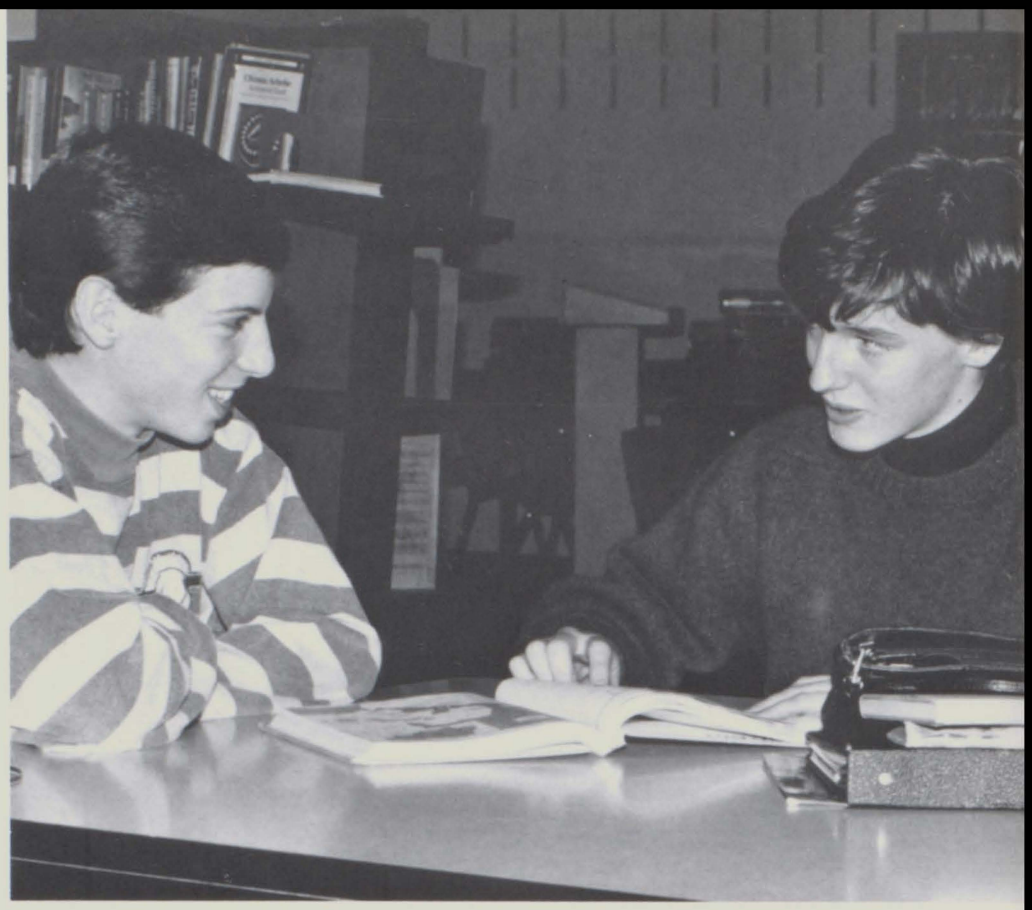
Jumping for it, Junior Class Vice-President Sasha Day catches the ball during the Powder Puff Football Game, played between junior and senior girls.

Making It Happen

"We can do it!" This year's motto for the Student Council. G.M.'s Student Council consisted of a Governing Team, sponsored by Ms. Erin Albright. Each class elected four class officers and two class representatives who attended meetings throughout the year and sponsored numerous activities. Without this club, Mustangs' suggestions, concerns and complaints wouldn't be heard. S.C. members encouraged classmates to go to the source - them. They were the vocal ones in the student body. They weren't afraid to speak up to the Administration.

Each class had its own responsibilities and concerns. Class sponsors met with officers to plan functions and fund raisers. Class sponsors were as follows: Ms. Gail Nolan and Ms. Nanci Blanco (Seniors); Ms. Nancy Tucker (Juniors); Mr. Jack Hamlin (Sophomores); and Ms. Holly Kopil (Freshmen). The seniors sponsored Homecoming Week and graduation. The juniors sponsored the Prom. The sophomores and freshmen concentrated on building class spirit and raising funds for their treasury.

Communication and unity became key words for all Mustangs this year. The Student Council worked together as a team to promote student-to-student communication across the grades. Their October retreat laid the groundwork for them to define their goals and work toward them. Each class was assigned an ongoing project that promoted better communication within the student body and helped raise the spirit index. And they made things happen.



Easing the work load. NHS member Cindy Wilson, senior, tutors freshman David Lefcowitz in world cultures.

A new member, senior Alok Gera lights a symbolic candle at the NHS Inductions on September 26.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY. Front Row: Anush Santhanam, Alok Gera, Stephen Worrel, John Karro (Vice President), Thu Do (Tutor Organizer), Amy Moore (Secretary/Treasurer), Jennifer Preston, Sasha Day, Molly Henneberg. *Back Row:* Bonnie Martin, Valerie Schneider (President), Stephene Parry, Allison Yates, Kate Chamberlin.

SERVICE CLUB. Front Row: John Yates, Cindy Wilson, Jennifer Preston, Jason Robertson, Debbie Cory. *Second Row:* Ms. Mary Rita Ciciarelli (Co-Sponsor), Jane Brock, Deidre Hoetmer, Allison Yates (President), Valerie Schneider (Vice-President), Christine Walsh, Opeyemi Adamolekun, Ms. Janet Weber (Co-Sponsor). *Back Row:* Scarlet Wynns, Deepa Menon, Natanya Barrow, Alyssa Wilson, Sasha Day, Molly Henneberg, Christy Ploch (Secretary), Matt Kern.

Dedicated To Others

A fund raiser. Alyssa Wilson, junior, works at a bake sale for the Service Club. The club sold refreshments during the fall play's intermission.

The Golden Rule was a driving force behind the efforts of three important clubs. They were three clubs that put others' needs up front as a priority. They were the National Honor Society, Service Club, and Youth-to-Youth Club. Club members who signed up for these organizations valued the importance of being there for other students and members of the community.

Twenty Mustangs felt proud to be members of the National Honor Society, sponsored by Ms. Maria O'Connell. They met every other Friday to discuss ways to prepare high school students for useful roles in society, encourge integrity, promote learning, and give back to the community. Students who needed to be tutored in any subject area could contact Ms. O'Connell and NHS members for assistance. The club arranged for senior citizens to visit the school and interact with Mustangs for an Intergenerational Conference every May.

The Service Club was organized to "serve" the school and community as well as provide outside services to the needy. Their club was project oriented. In fact, when they met every other Thursday, they were usually busy making things like sandwiches for D.C. families or valentines for homeless D.C. children with KIDNET as its contact organization. They also had an emergency fund for G.M. students.

Nancy Reagan's "Just Say No To Drugs" campaign had special meaning for the Youth-to-Youth Club members. Their main goal was to promote drug education among students and provide support to students to remain "drug free." They performed skits and handed out red ribbons to encourage people to support a drug-free community.

Performance time. Freshmen Mandy Riedel and Lindsay Smith and sophomore Stacy Dewalt join in the fun in Room 180 during the Drug Awareness Skit performed for the Middle School by the Youth-to-Youth Club.

YOUTH-TO-YOUTH CLUB. Front Row: Chris Walsh (Chairperson), Opeyemi Adamolekun, Stacy Dewalt, Adriana Anderson, Ms. Grace Rissetto (Sponsor). *Back Row:* Deidre Hoetmer, Debbie Hughes, Sarah Robinson, Deepa Menon, Tallison Rausch, Lindsay Smith (Co-Chairperson), Mandy Riedel.

Challenging work. Junior John Wu tries to solve a math problem during a Fairfax County Math Meet. For this meet he was able to work independently in Ms. Barbara's Ringgold's room.

MATH TEAM: Front Row: David Douglass, Genevieve Conaty, Cindy Tran, Jane Brock, Hong Thai, Opeyemi Adamolekun. *Back Row:* Paul Whichard, Tetsuro Toya, John Karro, Scott Strite, Doug Thackrey, Jason Robertson, Ms. Barbara Ringgold (Sponsor).

Brain Power

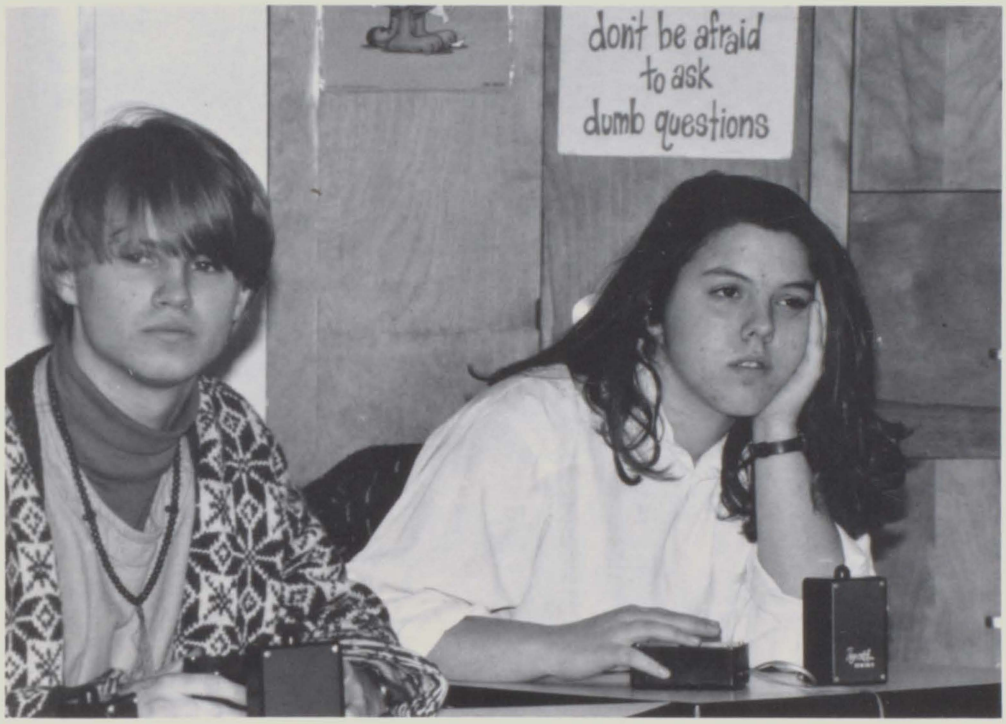
Having a good time, sophomores Jason Robertson and Bill Singletary enjoy Ms. Gail Nolan's sense of humor as she fires questions at them.

If you had brain cells to spare, perhaps you joined one of the "brainy clubs." Ms. Barbara Ringgold and Ms. Gail Nolan challenged their team members once a week during practice sessions for math meets and It's Academic competitions respectively. Participants felt stimulated by the pressure to "beat the clock" by coming up with the right answers in record-breaking times.

The purposes of the Math Team were to promote an interest in the subject and improve math and thinking skills. Team members had to answer six questions in thirty-six minutes, and the winners were those with the top scores. Freshmen Ana Gupta and Cindy Tran received top recognition in their divisions at a statewide math meet. On February 7 sixteen members competed at the Fairfax County Math Meet. Jane Brock said, "We came in ninth out of twenty. We're happy."

The It's Academic Team felt the thrill of victory on November 19. They won the first round of the season's scholastic competition by answering forty-nine percent of the questions correctly. Team members Travis McGavin, Doug Thackrey and Keith Casner beat Damascus and National Cathedral High Schools by a one hundred point margin. Travis McGavin said, "We won due to long hours of practice and luck." The team competed again for a second round in March.

This season marked a first for the team. In 1962 Kent Thackrey, Doug's father, competed on George Mason's team. The competitive spirit was imbedded early in Mustangs. Members of the "brainy clubs" accepted the challenge to learn and be smarter, ready for their opponents.



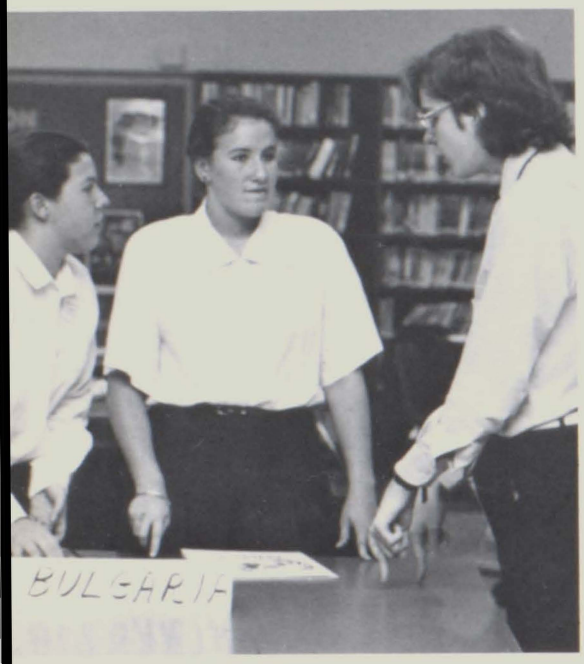
Intense concentration. Juniors Sven Gronlie and Kate Chamberlin practice answering It's Academic questions.

A formal shot. Senior Doug Thackrey accepts the winner's check from Mr. Shane Gray, Giant Food Representative. *Front Row: (The Academic Team)* seniors Travis McGavin and Doug Thackrey, sophomore Keith Casner. *Back Row:* Game show host Mac McGarry, Mr. Shane Gray, Ms. Gail Nolan (Sponsor).

Representing Israel, sophomores Reid Hecker and Bridget Singletary review notes at the Fairfax County Model United Nations held in November at Garfield High School.

Exchanging ideas, junior Kate Chamberlin, sophomore Adriana Anderson and junior Michael Lake prepare to represent their countries at FAIMUN.

Preparing to host G.M.'s simulation, sophomores Jane Brock and Tallison Rausch and senior Doug Thackrey laminate signs for participating countries.



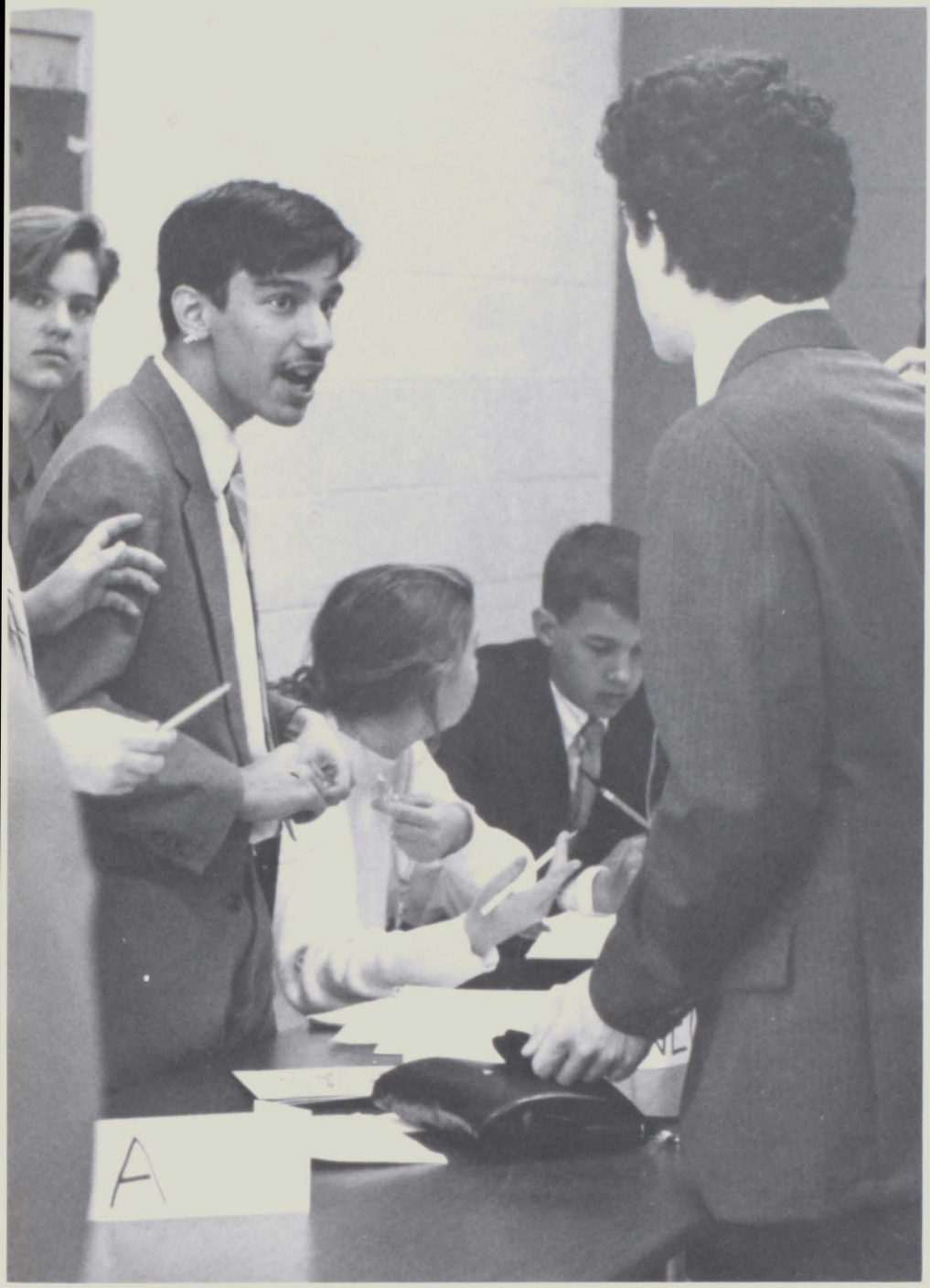
Bringing Home The Awards

Question: What is G.M.'s Model United Nations Club?
Answer (according to Alok Gera, an active member): "It is a club that requires a member's input. It is a challenging activity with great rewards in the end."

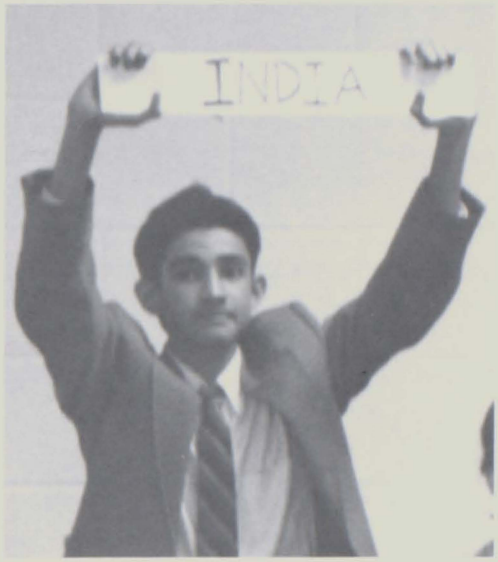
Forty-two members met at least once a week with their sponsor, Ms. Gail Nolan, to prepare for United Nations simulations throughout the year. They also explored the role of the U.N. in world affairs and studied global issues. In November thirty-five students represented six different countries and competed against thirteen Fairfax County schools. They took nearly a third of all awards given. In early February G.M. hosted a Model United Nations Conference which involved four months of preparation. One guest called it "one of the area's best high school Model U.N. conferences of the year." John Yates and Adriana Anderson won a plaque for "Best Delegation for Israel" on the political security committee.

Later in February twenty-three members competed in the Georgetown North American Model U.N. Simulation and took home a second prize in International Summit. Senior Doug Thackrey and junior John Wu won this honor, representing the People's Republic of China. Three thousand students from across the country spent the weekend at the Washington Hilton to participate in this nationally renowned simulation. It was an exciting and stimulating experience for Mustangs who represented such countries as Syria, India and Senegal.

During the spring the members competed in other area simulations. This was a banner year for G.M.'s Model U.N. Club. They brought home many awards and felt proud to be a part of an educational, productive organization.



Standing up, senior Alok Gera defends his position on Senegal. (Alok took third place as outstanding delegate representing Senegal in Security Council White at the Fairfax County's Model U.N. Simulation Competition.) *Below,* junior Harish Rajagopal represents India. (He and John Yates won first place in the Social-Humanitarian Committee.)



At the podium, Secretary General Theresia Muller gives the welcoming speech at the G.M. Model U.N. Simulation, Friday night, February 2.

MODEL U.N. CLUB: Front Row: Alison Sedei, Adriana Anderson, Scarlet Wynns, Matt Kern, John Wu, Mario Salguero. *Second Row:* Kate Chamberlin, Valerie Schneider (Secretary), Bridget Singletary, Margaret Muller, Jennifer Preston, Tallison Rausch, Jane Brock, Susannah Lehman, David Hartogs, John Yates. *Third Row:* Tetsuro Toya, Sarah Robinson, Reid Hecker, Jason Robertson, Mike Lake. *Back Row:* Aaron Spevacek, Stephen Worrel, Harish Rajogopal, Justin Black, Doug Thackrey, Pilar Viccellio, Peter Hartogs.

Global Interests

Two clubs in particular took its members outside the walls of George Mason figuratively and literally speaking. These clubs were the Cultural Exchange Club and Amnesty. Both clubs made contact with people who were living far beyond the interiors of Falls Church, Virginia.

The Cultural Exchange Club met every other Thursday to discuss short-term exchanges with U.S. schools, consider overseas exchanges, and offer support to foreign exchange students. They became friends of this year's exchange students, Tetsuro and Ludo. In March club members went to Boston to spend time with Linfield High School students and their families. Affiliated with AFS, the club provided information about summer travel.

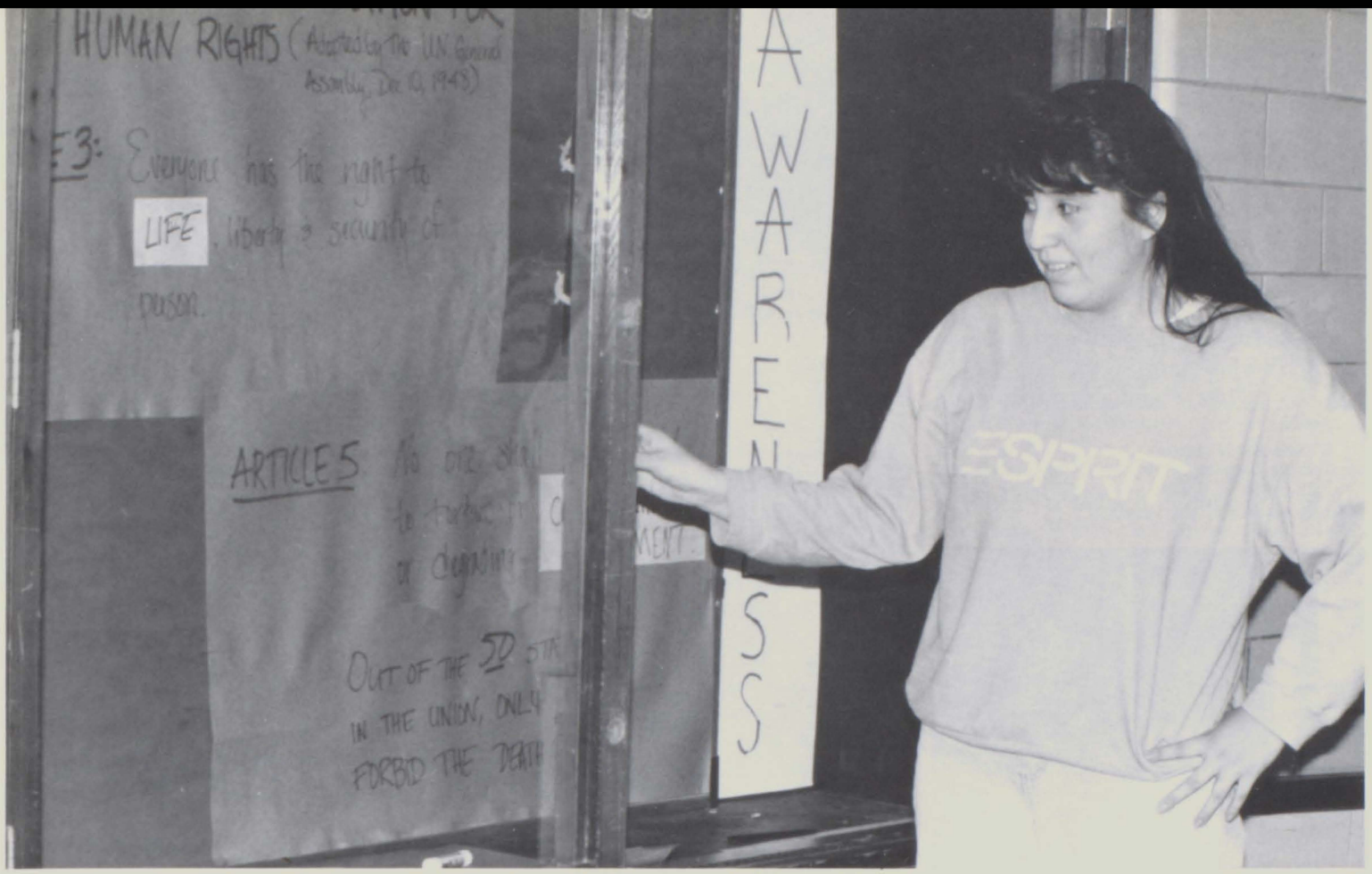
"It's the best club; it's great," said Amnesty member Mitch Falter. This club believed in the value of life and protested death penalties. They believed in their causes and even engaged in a D.C. protest march against the killing of children in Iraq. This club went into action by writing letters to political leaders and ambassadors, asking them to reconsider their actions which persecuted people unjustly.

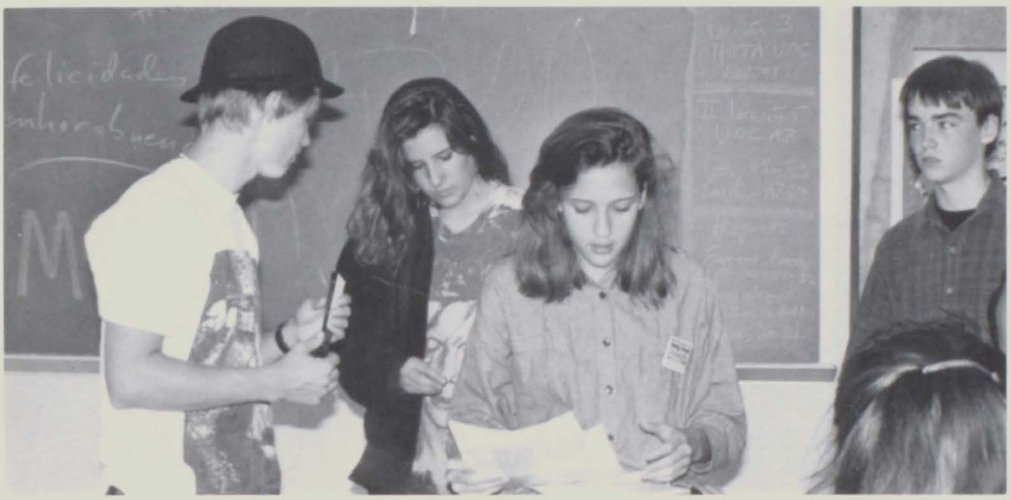
Pointing it out. Foreign exchange students Ludo Bonsignore from Milano, Italy, and Tetsuro Toya from Tokyo, Japan, point out their homelands.

An enlightening talk. Ms. Carol Cofey speaks to Cultural Exchange Club members about her travels to East Germany and Czechoslovakia.

Getting together, Cultural Exchange Club members hold an organizational meeting. *Front Row:* Alyssa Van Duizend, Sasha Day, Alyssa Wilson. *Back Row:* Sarah Swift, Meredith Lenker, Sara McClelland, Amy Moore.

CULTURAL EXCHANGE CLUB: Front Row: Jennifer Preston, Thu Do. *Second Row:* Ms. Linda Johnsen (Sponsor), Kunnareath Tauch, Emily Hall, Sarah Swift, Meredith Lenker (Vice-President). *Third Row:* Bridget Singletary, Molly Henneberg, Amy Moore. *Back Row:* Tetsuro Toya, Alyssa Wilson, Sasha Day, Alyssa Van Duizend (President), Opeyemi Adamolekun, Sara McClelland.

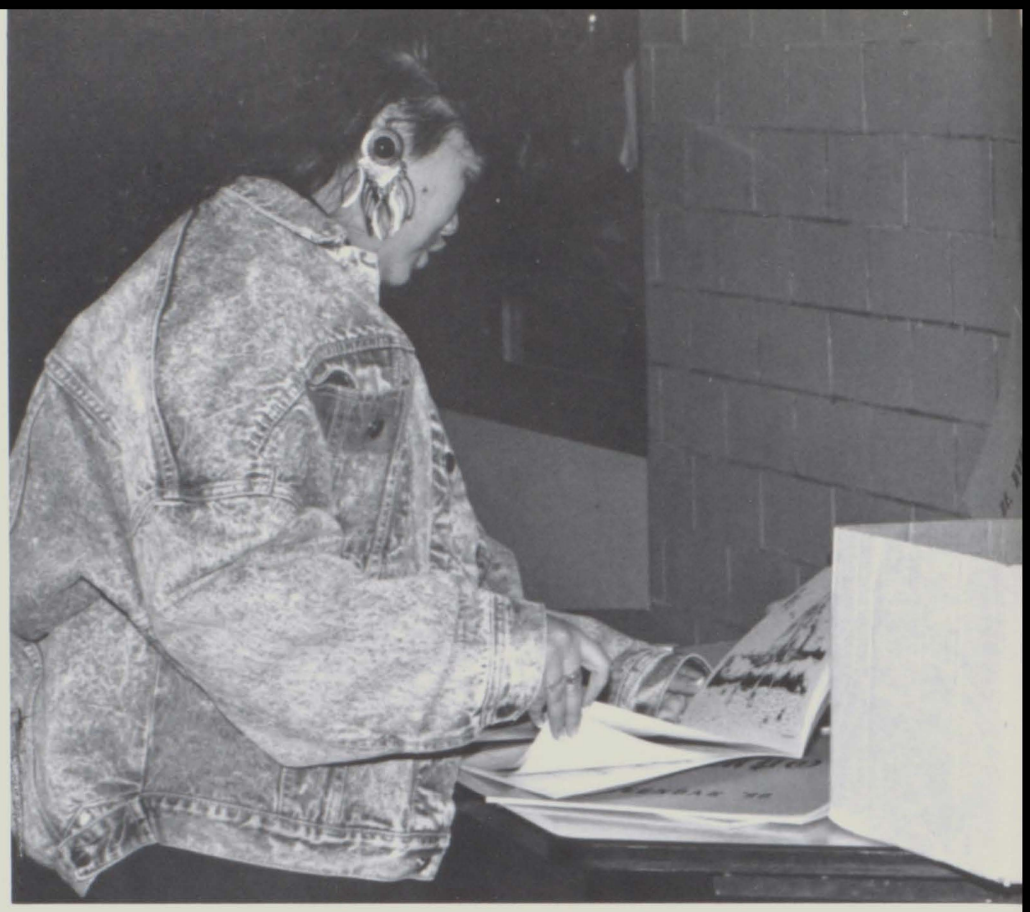




Feeling proud, junior Carolina Naupari stands back to admire the bulletin board decorated by Amnesty members to point out club interests and concerns.

Important issues. Deidre Hoetmer sits in for President Rebecca Conable as members plan a protest march. *From left:* Sven Gronlie, Adriana Anderson, Deidre Hoetmer, Matt Kern.

AMNESTY: Front Row: Cindy Tran, Reid Hecker, Scarlet Wynns, Lisa Menendez, Emily Hall, Deidre Hoetmer, Rebecca Conable. *Back Row:* Stacy DeWalt, Justin Black, Bridget Singletary, Mitch Falter, Tallison Rausch, Sarah Robinson, Matt Kern, Adriana Anderson, Sven Gronlie



The finished product. Co-editor-in-chief, Rebecca Conable sells a 1990 *Tempo* calendar to Marie Whipple. Craig Sirkin, *Lasso* and *Mustang* photographer, helped her sell calendars after school in January.

Organizing pictures, co-editor Mitch Falter and Greg Shannon of the *Mustang* staff work on the portrait section of the yearbook.

Counting words for a story, Lasso reporter Hannah Burke and artist Alison Sedei work on a fall issue.

Classic Coke Time. THE MUSTANG STAFF: Front Row: Brandon Rytting, Margaret Muller, Lisa Menendez, Hannah Burke (Copy Editor), Ms. Nancy Tucker (Sponsor). *Back Row:* Greg Shannon, Mitch Falter (Co-Editor-in-Chief), Justin Black, Alyssa Van Duizend (Co-Editor-in-Chief), Craig Sirkin.

Every Word Counts

Clubs could be mainly fun; clubs could be mainly work. Publications clubs traditionally were a lot of hard work. They were not for the weak students who couldn't withstand pressure and DEADLINES! The English Department teachers were a natural for club sponsors of the *Mustang, Lasso* and *Tempo.* If they weren't in their classrooms teaching, they were probably helping students prepare pages for a publication. Publication clubs couldn't be "one-day-a-week organizations." The *Lasso* staff often worked late into the night and on weekends to pull everything together for newspapers and special issues.

The 1988-89 school year was a trophy year for publication clubs. In October Mr. Michael Hoover, Journalism sponsor for the past years, and Ms. Gail Meighan, first year *Tempo* sponsor, accompanied twenty-three publications' students to the annual VHSL journalism workshop at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. The *Lasso* staff took home its sixth trophy in a row. It scored 935 points out of a possible 1000. The *Tempo* literary magazine scored 945 points and received a trophy for the third year in a row. A second place ranking went to the *Mustang* with 800 points. The VHSL evaluation committee filled out detailed forms for each publication. Their comments and suggestions were extremely helpful for this year's staffs.

This year's *Mustang* chose "It's classic" as its theme. Andrew Hunt, a junior, designed the classic cover, utilizing the traditional symbol of the mustang, a spirited horse. Ms. Nancy Tucker, sponsor, encouraged students to get involved in all aspects of the publication: copy writing, layout, photography, and fund raising. A favorite pastime of the staff was to look at old (if not ancient) *Mustangs* and other high schools' yearbooks to critique them and get ideas.

The *Tempo* staff produced and sold 1990 calendars for three dollars in January. They worked down in the print shop to produce their school-published literary magazine which contained students' writing, sketches and photographs.

LASSO STAFF: Front Row: Matt Kern, Sarah Robinson, Bridget Singletary, Ellen Carlson, Craig Sirkin, Alison Sedei. *Second Row:* Shana Tolkan, Sarah Swift, Sasha Day, Molly Henneberg, Mike Leland, Jill Boozell, Scarlet Wynns. *Back Row:* Travis McGavin, Mr. Michael Hoover (Sponsor), David Cook, Cindy Wilson, Mitch Falter, Sarah McClelland, Mike Lake, John Blackwell. (Absent: Andrea Rausch, Editor-in-Chief).

TEMPO STAFF: Front Row: Ms. Gail Meghan (Sponsor), Lisa Menendez, Deidre Hoetmer, Cynthia Tran. *Second* Row: Kerry O'Grady, Pilar Strutin-Belinoff (Art Editor), Sarah Swift and Rebecca Conable (Co-Editors-in-Chief). *Back Row:* Mike Leland, Mike Lake, Joe Gross.

Getting ready. junior Cindy Wilson practices oral interpretive reading at a Forensics meeting.

A social gathering. Interested students attend the first Forensics meeting in September to sign up. From left, Afolabi Ojumu, Cindy Wilson, Sven Gronlie, Rebecca Conable.

On the bus, Forensics students Joe Gross, Aaron Spevacek and Jane Brock relax on their way to a meet.

FORENSICS; Front Row: Mr. Milton Davis (Co-Sponsor) Joe Gross, Ms. Carol Cofey (Co-Sponsor). *Second Row:* Emily Hall, Sarah Robinson, Deepa Menon. *Back Row:* Jane Brock, Tallison Rausch, Mitch Falter.

Rising Stars

In curls. Drama student Ellen Wright wears a black frizzy wig on Halloween.

Stage fright was not a feeling students wanted to have, especially if they were members of Forensics or Drama Club. Both organizations required students to perform before live audiences and judges. Of course, everyone was a critic. Students who signed up for these clubs spent long hours practicing their material in order to be the best they could be.

The purpose of Forensics was to give students experience in public speaking and oral interpretation. Co-sponsors Milton Davis and Carol Cofey met with participants every Wednesday after school to prepare them for monthly meets held at area high schools. Rewards for club members were trophies and medals in competitions and a real boost in confidence. Club experiences built character along the way. Highlights of the year were the Northern Virginia Speech League Meet of Champions held at G.M. in May; G.M.'s Just Desserts; and The VHSL District, Regional and State tournaments. Mitch Falter, a junior, represented the school at the District Spelling Competition.

This was the first year for Ms. Betsy Crowll's Drama Club. A lover of the theatre, Ms. Crowll organized a club for students who shared her interest in stage performances. The purposes of the club were to extend stage experiences for drama students and help students gain an appreciation for the theatrical arts. They usually met on Wednesdays after school once or twice a month, except when they were rehearsing for a production. Then they practically slept at G.M.

In November the drama students staged a mystery farce called *The Murder Room* by Jack Sharky. In April they staged a comedy, *The Little Shop of Horrors.* For students who weren't actors or actresses by nature, there were many other important assignments for them. These plays were student productions, traditionally enjoyed by students, staff, parents and Falls Church residents. A lot of work was involved, but when the curtain went up, the cast and production staff felt a real sense of pride.

Dressed to kill. Drama students gather together on stage for their first play, *Murderous Fun. From left,* Mike Lake, Matt Kern, Adriana Anderson, Lorraine Hahn, John Worrall.

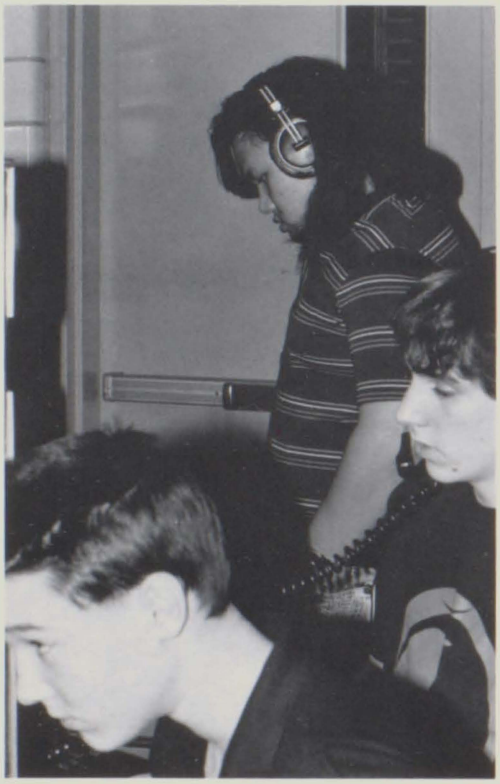
DRAMA CLUB. First Row: Ellen Wright, Rosemary Ragusa, Deidre Hoetmer, Jennifer Conable. *Back Row:* Jane Brock, Matt Kern, Deepa Menon, Ms. Betsy Crowll (Sponsor), John Karro, Daniel Brown, Reid Hecker, Jay Worrall, Lorraine Hahn.

Learning Practical Skills Along The Way

Mustangs who weren't afraid to take on extra responsibilities and handle more than the usual stress of schoolwork signed up for those "work clubs." There was a lot more to these organizations than occasional meetings, fund raisers and field trips. These club members weren't afraid to "get their hands dirty," so to speak. Two production clubs in particular required students to make a true commitment by working hard and staying late to meet deadlines and get things done.

The G.M. TV Club had fifteen members (mainly middle schoolers) who were interested in TV production. The few high school members worked closely with sponsors Vicki Taylor and Scott Mead to cover a wide variety of school events for Channel 38 viewers. Their sophisticated studio was set up in the basement below the media center. Junior John Wu said, "This club has given me an opportunity to experience something not openly available to most people." This club was excited about its 1989-90 school year video to be released in June. The Print Club under Mr. Frank Sheedy was involved in many types of projects. They were responsible for numerous printed materials for assemblies and events, but they also helped out by offering their time and skills gratis to students and staff.

The Future Business Leaders of America met twice a month under the co-sponsorship of Ms. Georgette Schaefer and Ms. Joyce Lowry. These members learned how various businesses operated and gained insight into "the real world."



Closely monitoring the camera, Jeremy Knight, Aaron Spevacek and John Wu videotape a volleyball game.
Using her skills, Ms. Vicki Taylor videotapes Lt. Governor Don Beyer's visit to George Mason on January 3.
TV CLUB: Sponsor Vicki Taylor, Jeremy Knight, Aaron Spevacek, Sponsor Scott Mead.

Meeting a deadline, senior E.J. Ripple and junior John Barnett check copy as it comes off the press in the print shop.

Preparing valentine-grams, FBLA vice-president Vanessa Courts fills out forms for Ericka Lindsay and Tanya Spriggs.

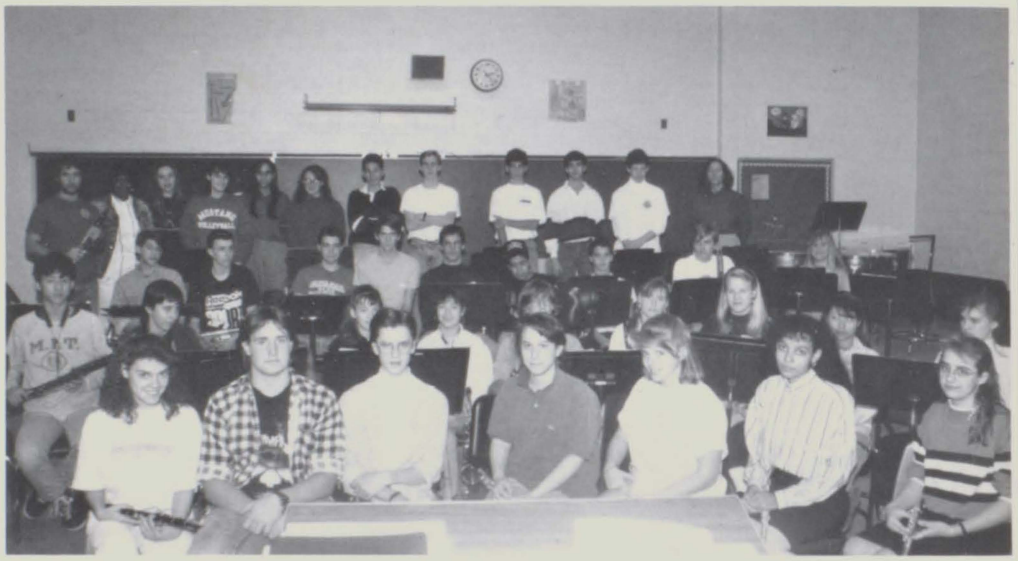
A fundraiser, FBLA President Ashleigh Spear sells valentine-grams to Mark Larkin and Sean Fair.

FBLA: Front Row: Jennifer Peacock and Tanya Spriggs. *Back Row:* Co-sponsor Joyce Lowry, Vanessa Courts (Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer), Ashleigh Spear (President), Eva Stergiou, James Hooper, Co-sponsor Georgette Schaefer.

On the sax, seniors Jay Worrall and John Karro play at the homecoming pep rally.

Serious musicians. Robbie Karro (on the trumpet) and Paul Whichard (on the trombone) play at the homecoming pep rally.

BAND. Front Row: Kay Eister, Steve Bowling, David Douglass, Peggy Muller, Lindsay Smith, Stacy Dewalt, Margaret Bryant. *Second row:* Peter Oh, Justin Hruneni, Ami Strutin-Belinoff, Jennifer Hoffman, Emily Hall, Jay Worrall, Dione Herlinger, Vicky Hughes, Anne Marie Wilson, Kristen Jackson. *Third Row:* Allan Schneider, Peter Murchie, Jason Doolittle, Steve Worrell, Mike Noyes, Enio Aguilar, Gavin Hecker, Paul Whichard, Kate Fletcher. *Back Row:* John Karro, Sherrell Brown, Genevieve Conaty, Sandy Martin, Ana Gupta, Janna Lukomski, Pat Thomas, Cory Russ, Dan Salsbury, Lee Carson, Justin Reich, Ms. Sharon Still (Director).



JAZZ BAND. Front Row: Cathy Obenstein, David Douglass, Jay Worrall, John Karro, Paul Bailey, Matt Droujinsky. *Back Row:* Robbie Karro, Chad Jackson, Jason Doolittle, Allan Schneider, Peter Johnson, Paul Whichard.

Gotta Have It

CONTRACT CHORUS. Front Row: Ellen Carlson, Rachel Carlson, Deidre Hoetmer, Eugenia Leachman, Michelle Yoder, Tamara Droujinsky, Rebecca Conable, Kate Chamberlin, Ms. Vanessa Kozmon (Director). *Back Row:* Sherri Renfrow, Dione Herlinger, Sarah Letts, Jay Worrall, John Karro, Kathleen Brill, Jennifer Conable.

If music was in your blood, then you just had to express it. You could listen to your walkman, true, but that wasn't enough if you had some real talent to reveal. The answer to some of your needs was to sign up for sixth period Band or Chorus. They were large classes, but you had fun and you got those chances to perform before live audiences. The applause was for you!

What if you couldn't sign up for that period? You had options and opportunities. Ms. Sharon Still organized a Jazz Band with thirteen middle and high school students. They performed at a variety of functions. There was eighth period or after-school Contract Chorus. It was almost as packed as regular Chorus. Ms. Vanessa Kozmon also organized a special group of madrigal singers. Five boys and eleven girls even "dressed out" when they performed in period costumes financed through a BIE grant with the Mary Price Howell Realty Company.

This was definitely a banner year for music students. Hard work and very long hours of practice paid off for students who participated in the annual competitions. Ms. Still accompanied students to the All District Band Auditions on January 6. Two made it to the District 11 High School Senior Band. Paul Whichard, a freshman, competed with forty trombone players. Senior John Karro on bass qualified for All-State, held in February.

Ms. Kozmon was ecstatic because eight choral students made District Choir. They were senior Jay Worrall; juniors Kate Chamberlin, Lorraine Hahn, Darren Lomis and Adam Stoffel; and freshmen Jenny Conable, Beth Cory and Tamara Droujinsky. According to their friend, Michelle Yoder, "It took a lot of courage and they did great!"

Band and Chorus weren't all work. Members had a lot of fun performing at rallies and assemblies as well as just "hangin' out," enjoying some tunes.

With eyes on Ms. Kozmon, junior Ellen Carlson sings at the Winter Concert.

MADRIGAL SINGERS. Front Row: Darren Lomis, John Yates. *Second Row:* Lorraine Hahn, Tamara Droujinsky, Sarah Letts, Bethany Morde, Rosemary Ragusa, Ellen Carlson. *Back Row:* Kate Chamberlin, Jenny Conable, Allison Yates, Jay Worrall, Travis Lincoln, Rachel Carlson, Reid Hecker.

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Smoke alarm. Students gather on the front lawn while the Falls Church Fire Department responds to a fire alarm in February.
A BIE project. Lieutenant Governor Don Beyer of Falls Church speaks to government students in Room 180 on January 3 about benchmark polls and his goals while in office.

From Vietnam, Mr. Dean Nguyen visits G.M. to talk to intermediate and advanced ESL students about his experiences as a member of the community. Tri Thai listens intently.
Updating the bulletin board, Ms. Jane Singleton from the Community Ed. Office posts current notes.

At a special faculty meeting, Mr. Michael Hoover speaks to the audience in recognition of Dr. Nancy Sprague's service to Falls Church schools.

Those Who Care

With an enrollment of under four hundred students, George Mason was much more "a family" than large high schools could be. Mustangs were on friendly terms with students in different grades, the staff, and members of the community. Throughout the school year Falls Church residents and merchants visited the school to sit in on classes, lecture, or set up programs for students. Senior citizens felt comfortable attending special functions that involved them with school life. George Mason was a fun place to be where exciting things happened.

In March Dr. Nancy Sprague left her Falls Church City Schools position as assistant superintendent to join the Fairfax County system. She symbolized someone who was committed to the Falls Church community and schools for nineteen years.

Down the ramp was the Community Ed. Office where Mustangs could find jobs listed and where the faculty could arrange for outside speakers.

And what about all those parents who showed up at countless functions to support Mustangs in action? So many people cared for and about the students and staff.

Supporting the football team, parents and members of the community join teachers and students at a home game.

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Love, Dr. T.

Dear Alyssa,
Thank you FOR ALL YOUR HELP! Your smiles helped too!
Love, Mrs. Tucker

No one believed you, but there is a cause to run. You have your life ahead of you. Good luck, Kenny -
Daisy, Eugene, Deirdre and Steve

Dear Seniors,
You've been great! Remember this: "Beauty is truth, truth beauty." Good Luck.
Mr. Hoover

DEAR JAMES,
WE ARE PROUD OF YOUR PROGRESS.
LOVE, MOM, DAD and HEIDI

Congrats, E.J. Ripple!
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Love, Mom, Dad and Jim

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Mrs. Schaefer

Cory, Congratulations!
We're proud of you.
All of our love,

Dad, Dolly and Donny

Dear Chris, Darrell, Matt, Pilar, and Vanessa,
I will miss you! Please keep in touch and have a WONDERFUL LIFE!
Love, Mrs. Tucker

A tradition continued;
Luke '60, Mike '64, Jim '68,
Mary '69, Christian '90

Dear Dana,
You are Number One with us. Congratulations!
Love, Mom and Michael

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Way To Go, Bad Earl!!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Danny, J.D.

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"YOU'VE ONLY JUST BEGUN"!!
WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU, "J-BIRD"!
LOVE, MOM AND JAMIE

Dione Herlinger,
Way to go, Dione!
Love,
Mom, Dad and Darrell

Darrell Herlinger,
Congratulations!
Good Job!
Love, Mom, Dad and Dione

Dear Mitch,
Thank you for hanging in there from START TO FINISH! You performed some real classic maneuvers for us!
Love, Mrs. Tucker

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER GRADUATES! Aleta, Julie, Lisa and Rebecca! 10 - 3 - 1 (School Record!) Good Job, Coach Kalepp! I've enjoyed the last 5 yrs., esp. the 4 you coached! Lucy Foster

Congratulations & Best Wishes to All but esp. Emma, Erica, Julie, Sara, Darrell, Shorty (at Marshall) (& Sheryl W. next year!) I will miss y'all, your dates & pranks!
Your Bar-B-Q-Chef: Aleta's Mom
(aka: Ms. Hoover/Foster/Whatever)

Congratulations to the Girls Soccer Team
A Great Season!
Bill & Patsy Bain

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FROM THE 1990 *MUSTANG* STAFF

READ!

Love,
Mrs. Meighan

Dear Mike, Cory, Roberto, Joey, Mark, Ericka, Jimmie, Billy, and Marie,
After all this time, how will I manage without you? I'll miss you.
Mrs. Johnson

The ESL students wish you

a future fulfilled

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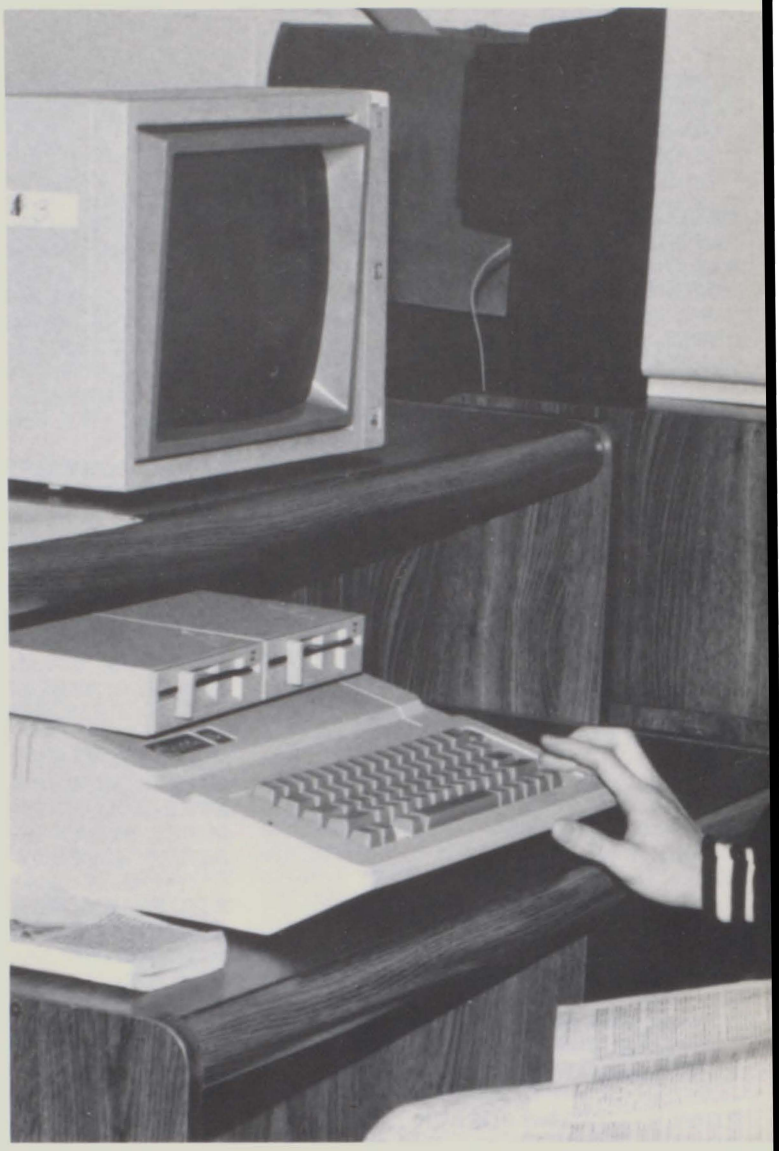
It Was Just Classic!

June 15 finally became a reality. It was a day we thought would never come. After three days of final exams, we were ready to change our routines. For some of us that meant jumping into cars and heading for Ocean City for Beach Week '90. For the rest of us it meant getting some serious sleep or starting full-time jobs to earn more than those part-time jobs paid us. A stress-free summer began.

Graduation was a memory for ninety seniors. The June 10th Baccalaureate at St. James and the June 14th graduation ceremony in our auditorium were two final and special events for Mustangs. We had a full year. It had the usual struggles and disappointments. Yes, there were failures that wouldn't be easy to forget, but we helped each other deal with them so we could move on.

We carried on as Mustangs had done for forty years in Falls Church. It was a traditional year. Some of us "survived," but most of us "thrived" by learning new things at a fast pace and getting involved in activities. We took risks and accepted responsibilities, and we carried home certificates, medals and trophies. Mustangs agreed about one thing: this was a classic year!

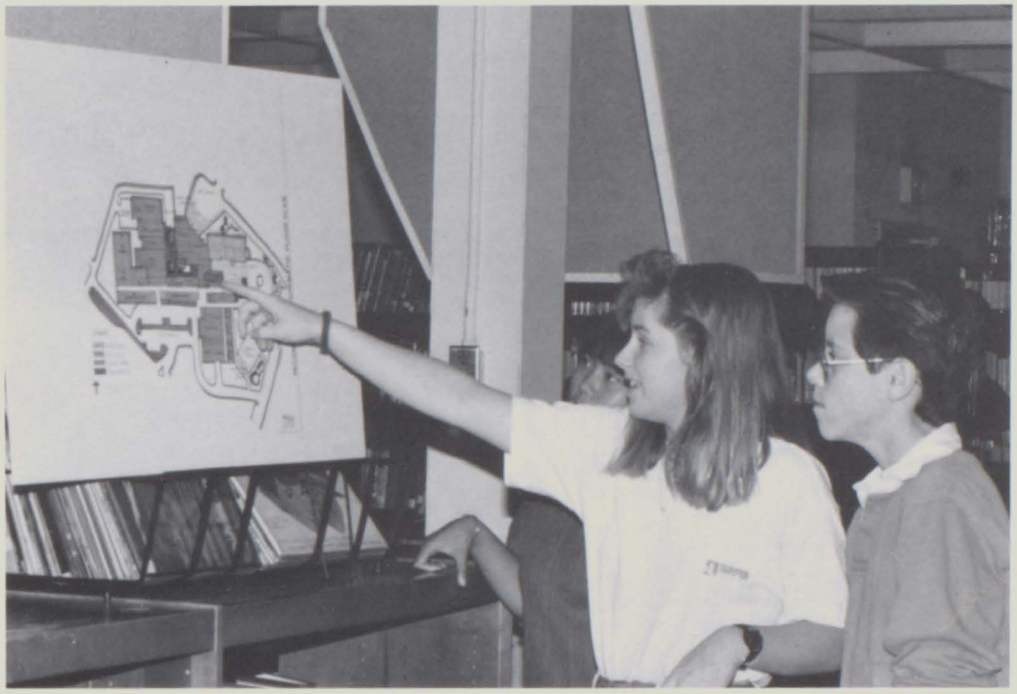


A tradition. Class representatives dive into cream pies during the annual pie-eating contest held during the pep rally before the homecoming game.

Mardi Gras time. Senior Meredith Lenker and sophomore Stephanie Jones gather strings of beads thrown to the crowd at the MDA Superdance.

Using the writing lab, senior Jeff Stobo writes a report for Government.

Class of '93 concerns. Freshman Dione Herlinger points out a major change in the layout of the future G.M. to classmates Anne Seitz and Richard Hartogs. (Schematic floor plan is shown at the bottom right.)



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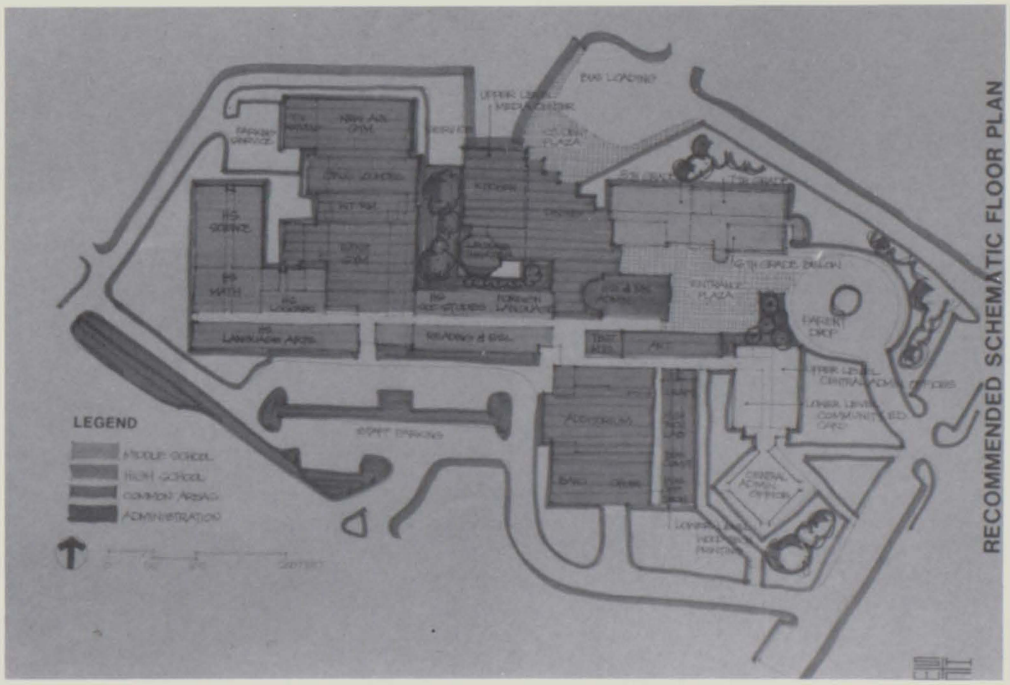

At a teachers' workshop, Mr. Lou Sorrentino, Ms. Theresa Doherty and Mr. Alan Graham learn effective methods for better communication in schools.

The year ended and a new decade began.

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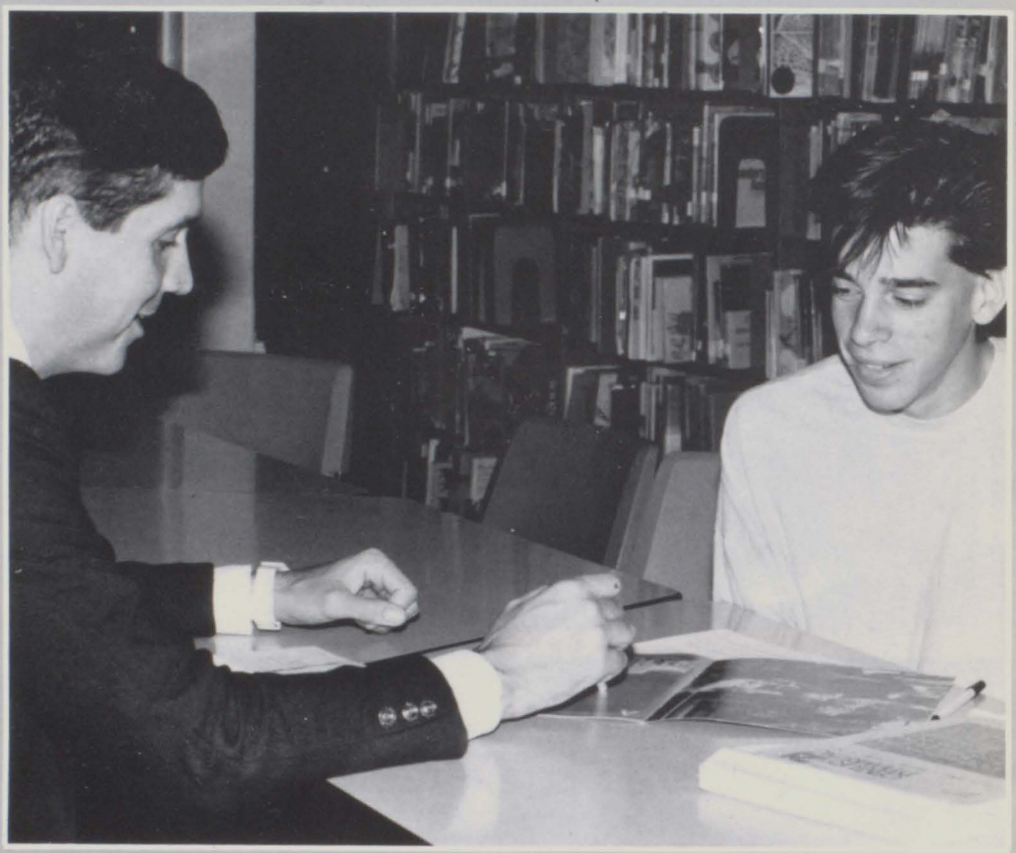

From Butler University Mr. Mitch Warren, Assistant Director of Admissions, talks to senior Peter Hartogs about available programs. The Guidance Department arranged for college representatives to visit George Mason and talk to interested students throughout the year.

Classic smiles. Sophomores Jane Brock, Vicki Snowden and Bridget Singletary enjoy a carefree moment after school when stress levels dropped fast.